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GST COLLECTION FOR OCT IS SECOND HIGHEST-EVER, NEXT ONLY TO APRIL

GST collections increased 13% to ₹1.72 lakh crore in October, the second highest-ever, helped by momentum in the economy and festive demand

BUT MANUFACTURING SLIPS ON WEAK ORDERS

Manufacturing activities decelerated in October as new orders increased at the slowest pace in a year, triggering a softer rise in output and employment, according to S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index. "Anecdotal evidence suggested that subdued demand for certain products and fierce competition stymied the upturn," the survey said

RUPEE SINKS AMID FOREIGN CAPITAL FLIGHT

- The rupee depreciated 4 paise to settle at 83.28 against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking a strong greenback against major rivals overseas and unabated foreign capital outflows
- Forex traders said disappointing macroeconomic data from India and Foreign Institutional Investors outflows put pressure on the rupee

₹1.66 lakh cr

THE AVERAGE GROSS MONTHLY GST COLLECTION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL

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DELHI HOTELS, CLUBS GOT DISCOUNTS EVEN AFTER EXCISE WAS SCRAPPED. GOVT BOOKS HAVEN'T RECORDED PAYMENT

Liquor scam 2.0? CBI sniffs ₹1.5K cr discount swindle

Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi CM

Kejriwal summoned by ED. ED targeting leaders of almost all parties in opposition. Denial of bail has become a political weapon. Time for courts to wake up to the blatant misuse of PMLA

Kapil Sibal, senior advocate

Tryst with the CBI in April

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had in April last appeared before the CBI in the same excise policy scam. "The CBI asked around 56 questions regarding the excise policy, including when and why the policy was started," he said, adding the questioning was friendly

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

THE CBI is looking into a new discount swindle worth around ₹1,500 crore in liquor purchase by the Delhi government.

In the course of its probe into the alleged liquor scam in Delhi, the agency reportedly found that after the controversial policy was rolled back and the entire trade was taken over by the government, the discounts that were earlier offered by manufacturers and wholesalers, stopped as they are not reflected in the government's books. However, liquor manufacturers and wholesalers continued to offer these discounts to other purchasers such as hotels, clubs and restaurants in Delhi.

Sources said the CBI smelt a rat in the discontinuation of the discount and is looking into the possibility of the AAP leadership routing part of this discount to Punjab, which is also ruled by the party, and receiving a part in cash in Delhi. The agency sleuths believe that there is no reason for the manufacturers not to offer discounts to the Delhi government, especially since it controls whose brand will be sold in the city.

According to sources, the agency estimates that the Delhi government would have sold liquor worth at least ₹15,000 crore ever since the private players were ousted by scrapping the previous policy, and received at least 10% cash discount on this sale.

AAP convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is likely to be questioned by the Enforcement Directorate on Thursday on why the manufacturers stopped offering discounts to the Delhi government when they are giving it to all the other buyers.

When the new liquor policy was introduced by the Delhi government for the year 2021-22, hefty discounts, ranging from 10% to 35%, were offered by some manufacturers to the wholesalers, and by wholesalers to the retailers. These discounts were given by using the instrument of credit notes, which are legally permissible. It is a practice followed across the country.

According to the CBI, these credit notes had become the main instrument of generating cash for payment of kickback to the AAP functionaries. Since the now-scrapped 2021-22 policy had withdrawn the government from the liquor business and handed it over completely to the private players, it was the private players, including manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers who generated the cash and allegedly paid the kickbacks. A large number of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers have been arrested by the CBI and the ED.

Elusive leopard shot dead in Bengaluru

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AFTER a five-day operation, a forest official shot dead the elusive leopard in the city on Wednesday afternoon.

"All attempts were made to capture the leopard alive. But when it attacked two of our staffers, orders to shoot it were issued," Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Subhash Malkhade told *The New Indian Express*.

Special teams of personnel from the forest and police departments and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) forest cell were formed to capture the leopard. Personnel from the special Leopard Task Force (LTF) from Mysuru were also summoned. Forest officials were closely monitoring the leopard after it was spotted at Krishna Reddy Layout near Begur on Tuesday night.

The leopard cornered during the operation launched by the forest department at Krishnareddy Layout in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

"The leopard was seen entering an abandoned incomplete building in the layout on Monday night. On Tuesday evening, it was seen entering the building and coming out of it. When the leopard was sighted again on Wednesday morning at the same location, we decided to capture it," said a forest official, who was part of the operation.

The task to tranquilize and capture the leopard started at 9.30am. The leopard was shot dead when it attacked the two forest staffers around 2.30pm, the official said.

"Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) veterinarian Kiran Kumar darted the animal after seeing it outside the abandoned building. However, the leopard escaped into the bushes. Assuming that the leopard was sedated, Dr Kiran went looking for it in the bushes. Suddenly, the leopard pounced on him, injuring him on the neck," a senior forest official said. P2

Mahua Moitra to appear before ethics panel today

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

TRINAMOOL Congress MP Mahua Moitra's Parliament login credentials were used as many as 47 times from Dubai to raise questions in Parliament, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey alleged on Wednesday citing media reports.

"If the news is true, then all the MPs of country should stand against Mahua ji's corruption. Hiranandani asked questions in LS for Hiranandani. Are we MPs for promoting selfish interests of capitalists", Dubey said in a post on X on Wednesday.

Dubey, who triggered a row with the 'cash-for-query' allegation against Moitra, refused to speak on the issue further, citing parliamentary rules. "Please forgive me, she (Mahua Moitra) has to appear before the ethics committee on November 2 and there are some rules of Parliament," he said.

Shinde buys time, says okay with Maratha quota

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

Eknath Shinde, Devendra Fadnavis address the media after all-party meet

THE all-party leaders' meeting called over the Maratha quota stir on Tuesday passed a resolution in favour of reservation for the community. Speaking to reporters after the all-party meet, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that the state government is committed to granting reservation to Marathas but needs some time to study the matter and come up with a formula that will pass legal scrutiny.

The meeting was attended by 32 leaders, including NCP chief Sharad Pawar and deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis. Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray was not invited.

Shinde, who chaired the meeting, said the leaders discussed all issues pertaining to Maratha reservations and agreed to grant the quota.

However, "there are some issues that need to be addressed to give fool-proof reservations to the Maratha community", Shinde said, pointing to the curative petitions filed in the Supreme Court. "Besides, the state government-appointed Justice Sandeep Shinde committee has been given two more months to study the data and documents of the Nizam era. Most of the old records are in Urdu or Modi script, which will take time to be translated into Marathi. We do not want to do anything in a hurry that will be challenged in court. We want to give reservations that will not get struck down," Shinde said.

At the all-party meet, the leaders also expressed displeasure over the burning of houses, offices and damaging government and private properties by protesters.

Surjewala warns mins against going public on party issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala on Wednesday warned ministers, MLAs and other Congress functionaries not to issue public statements on power sharing in the government and said those violating this order will face disciplinary action.

"We have discussed this issue. If they continue to do so, the Congress leadership would think of taking appropriate action against them. All ministers, MLAs and functionaries should adhere to the party's rules and regulations. We will crack the whip if they ignore our warning. If they have any difference of opinion, they are welcome to express it with me or the KPCC president," he told reporters after holding a marathon meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar and other leaders.

Surjewala said the ministers should focus on the development of their districts. P4

EXPRESS READ

Free water, power for govt schools: Siddu

Bengaluru: Free electricity and drinking water will be given to all government schools in the state with immediate effect, said CM Siddaramaiah during the 68th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations on Wednesday | P4

THERMODYNAMIC PUZZLE CRACKED

The optical tweezer apparatus at IISc. Inset: (from left) Sudeesh Krishnamurthy, Rajesh Ganapathy and Ajay Sood | SUDEESH KRISHNAMURTHY

IISc scientists design 100% efficient 'micro heat engine'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER years of struggle, a "micro heat engine", which can produce maximum power at maximum efficiency, has been successfully designed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) here.

Practical heat engines are limited to a theoretical efficiency called the Carnot limit, which sets a cap on how much heat can be converted to useful work. "Since the 1970s, people have been attempting to address the power-efficiency tradeoff. In the early 2000s, researchers explored microscopic systems to overcome this challenge. In 2017, a paper claimed that it was impossible to solve this thermodynamic puzzle," said Sudeesh Krishnamurthy, former Ph D student at the Department of Physics, IISc, and first author of the study published in Nature Communications on October 27.

Heat engines convert heat into work. For example, moving a piston in a certain direction. For an engine to be 100% efficient when the process is reversed – the piston returns to its original state – there should be no heat wasted, which is what was proposed by French physicist Sadi Carnot in 1824.

This is only theoretically possible if the process happens extremely slowly. But that also means that the power output will be zero, making the engine practically useless, according to a press release from the IISc. This is known as power-efficiency tradeoff. CONTINUED ON: P8

Leopard death: Experts question operation flaws

Ask why Sec 144 was not imposed, animal not tranquillised

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AS the five-day long operation to capture the elusive wild leopard ended on Wednesday afternoon, experts have raised many questions over the method and execution of the operation.

An expert working closely with the forest department, not wanting to be named, questioned why Section 144 was not imposed when such a massive operation was being undertaken. "It has always been observed that during any animal rescue operation, even an elephant rescue in a village, crowd management is the biggest challenge. Knowing very well that leopards are elusive and can remain easily camouflaged in their surroundings, why wasn't the area cordoned off?" the expert questioned.

The place where the leopard was sighted is a human habitation, close to industrial and tech offices. It may be noted that on Tuesday evening, Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar Khandre had asked citizens not let children play on the roads in the area, and advised adults not to venture out alone at night.

Citing reports obtained from direct sightings and CCTV, the expert also questioned why a tranquilliser dose was not prepared to dart the animal and ensure no one was injured. And why there was no proper planning to ensure the animal was captured alive. Questions are also being raised as to why an experienced veterinarian was not part of the operation, when it was happening in a densely populated habitation.

Reacting to this, a senior police official said there was no need to impose Section 144. "Also, we cannot impose Section 144 immediately. A set of permissions is needed from the police commissioner, and anyway, there was sufficient police presence on the ground to control the crowd," said the official.

Some experts also questioned the capability of the task force that was called from Mysuru. Experts questioned the need to shoot the animal.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Subhash Malkhade said all measures are taken during such rescue operations. "Since it's a wild animal, one cannot predict what will happen next, anything can go wrong."

LEOPARD ATTACKED 2 OFFICIALS

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"The leopard also attacked LTF officer Dhanraj MD. BBMP forest staffer Mahesh injured his leg while trying to escape from the spot. They were rushed to Sai Sparsha Hospital in HSR Layout. Dr Kiran and Dhanraj returned to the spot from hospital to continue the operation. When the personnel tried to capture the cornered animal with nets, it again escaped. A forest official shot at the leopard when it was about to pounce on him," the official said.

Bengaluru Urban Chief Conservator of Forests SS Lingaraju said the injured leopard was rushed to the BBP veterinary centre. However, it died while attempts were being made to save it.

According to postmortem reports, the male leopard was 13 years old and had a missing canine.

The injured leopard being carried by the special task force at Krishna Reddy Industrial Area, Kudlu Gate, on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Students take part in cultural programme during the 68th Karnataka Rajyotsava at Sri Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Rajyotsava: Bengalureans paint city red & yellow

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@ Bengaluru

THE 68th Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated across the city on the 1st of November, and saw citizens in high spirits, taking efforts to paint the city red and yellow, the colours of the state flag.

The flag was hoisted in many parts of the city including offices, apartment buildings, parks and healthcare institutions. While women were seen decked up in red and yellow sarees, men were seen flaunting scarfs of the same colours.

Arun Sharma, vice president of Premier Grihalakshmi Apartments association, Jalahalli Cross, said, "We started the Rajyotsava celebrations with the lighting of diyas at 9am, followed by hoisting the state flag, and sang the state anthem.

The children actively participated in the cultural programmes with dance performances, rangoli decorations and also recited poems of famous Kannada poets."

KSRTC and BMTC employees also celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava. As part of the 'Karnataka Celebration – 50' with theme 'Hesarayitu Karnataka – Usiragali Kannada', a tableau with models of BMTC buses, photos of Kannada Jnanpith award winners and other leading Kannada poets and writers was flagged off from the BMTC head office and travelled across the city. The tableau also had photos of the state government's ambitious Shakti scheme.

In order to showcase the heritage and culture of the state, Kannadigas also created a 15*15 inch rangoli as a tribute to a Chalukyan emperor, Pulakeshin-II, at GT Mall. Late actor Puneeth Rajkumar was also remembered on the occasion, as flags with his picture were spotted on a different vehicles. The tableaux procession made its way through Chamarajpet as well.

Housing sales robust, Bengaluru ranks third among top seven cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU records the third most significant quarter-on-quarter (Q-o-Q) surge in new residential property launches, according to the third quarter data released by property consulting firm Anarock. According to the Q3 report, Bengaluru ranks third in terms of housing sales among the top seven Indian cities, and possesses the third lowest available inventory, trailing behind Chennai and Kolkata.

In Q3, 14,800 units were launched, and the available inventory stood at 49,300 units. The average quoted base selling price was Rs 6,275 per sqft and 16,400 units were sold. Of the 14,800 units launched, 64 per cent fell in the Rs 80 lakh - Rs 1.5 crore category, and properties less than Rs 40 lakh were just one per cent.

Bengaluru's residential real estate outlook is expected to remain robust, driven by its status as India's IT and technology hub, which attracts a diverse professional workforce and ensures a consistent demand for housing, according to the Anarock report.

Bengaluru's forward-looking approach, characterized by ongoing development and strategic infrastructure projects, is poised to significantly enhance city-wide connectivity and accessibility.

These initiatives are anticipated to streamline daily life and enhance the overall living experience for residents. Bengaluru is likely to sustain strong demand in the residential real estate sector, solidifying its position as an attractive market for future investment and development in the coming quarters, the report added.

AVG MONTHLY RENT

Sarjapur Road: ₹25K-₹ 37K
Thanisandra Rd: ₹24K-₹34K
Whitefield: ₹ 23K-₹ 33K
Electronic City: ₹ 17K- ₹ 26K
Mysuru Road: ₹15.5K-₹24K

AVG RATE PER SQFT

Sarjapur: ₹7,355
Thanisandra Rd: ₹6,535
Whitefield: ₹6,235
Electronic City: ₹5,245
Mysuru Road: ₹5,700

EXPRESS READ

Discount on books for Rajyotsava month

Bengaluru: In order to celebrate the Karnataka Rajyotsava, Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara books will be sold at 50 percent discount for the entire month of November. Interested citizens can purchase the book from their official website www.kuvempubhashabharathi.karnataka.gov.in.

Two-day national conference on tomato

Bengaluru: The Foundation for Advanced Training in Plant Breeding, a non-profit organisation, in collaboration with the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, has organised a two-day National conference on "Tomato: Problems, Perspectives, and Plant Breeding Solutions" at the Basic Science College Auditorium, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK starting from Nov 3. The meeting will address key aspects such as tomato production and economics among other things.

₹10K deposit, licence; flat assn's new pet rules rile animal lovers

BANSY KALAPPA
@ Bengaluru

AN apartment complex, Ittina Mahavir in Electronics City which is home to over 1,000 residents, last week put out an internal note, telling residents who have pets to pay a deposit of Rs 10,000. The note also restricted the timings when a pet can be taken out – 6-7am, 1-2pm and 10-11pm.

The note said that pet parents will have to get a licence, and register their pets. Ittina Mahavir Apartment Owners' Association president Abhishek Agarwal said it was done to safeguard other residents.

The internal note has gone viral on several pet lover groups, leaving many incensed. One dog parent who does not stay in the complex, Grenold Almeida, remarked sharply, "Serious.... Seriously???? Is this for real? Woe befalls the dog owner but greater woe befalls the dog that would need a bio-break between 0700 to 1300 and then between 1400 to 2200. Kindness always costs but now bringing a wounded stray over to care for would mean Rs 10000 more just to register it?? Be damned if it'd be a bitch that litters (pups)!!! Kindness is an expensive virtue. And all this in the interest of a "harmonious living environment"? Wonder why I can't see it?"

Priya Chetty-Rajagopal of CJ Memorial Trust said, "Charging a pet deposit is not legal. However politely worded the circular may be, they cannot insist on a deposit or penalty, or even a pet licence, as it has not been passed by the BBMP. Also, the registration form they refer to needs checking. Timings need discussion between the committee and residents, and may not be imposed as pets need outdoor access as well. However, it is always better that pet parents take the high road in ensuring they are extremely civic, like leashing their pet in public and picking up pet poop. As pet parents, we should ensure our pets are welcome in our communities."

When this newspaper contacted Abhishek Agarwal, he said, "I am not sure of its legality, I will check. I have received complaints from other owners about pets pooping or peeing, and we have tried to bring in these rules to enforce discipline."

Debadatta Chand, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda, felicitated ISRO Chairman S Somanath and his team of scientists for the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission. Chand along with Debabrata Das, Zonal Manager, and other executives of the bank visited the ISRO headquarters to honour the Chandrayaan-3 team for their historic achievement that made India proud

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND November : Here's a fascinating thought: there was a time, way back in the past, when the stars were in a very different position from the ones they occupy now. And there will be a time in the distant future when the patterns in the sky will again be unrecognisable. But, then, in four thousand million years the earth won't be here either!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's part of your character to be an individual, to strive to raise yourself above the common herd. This is why today's stressful planetary alignment, which will be so difficult for many lesser people, will be wonderfully stimulating for you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You've been sweeping a number of problems under the carpet - as is your right. But neither have you come to terms with the challenging situations which have been forced upon you, especially those resulting from home improvements and family complications. Such omissions must be remedied now.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If there's any time left, then enjoy the calm before the storm. Today is one of those times when family members are liable to blow up, taking you completely by surprise. Yet any personal problems should be quickly resolved, partly because your intuitions are functioning to the full.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're in one of those old catch-22 situations, and whatever you say or do, close associates are still going to feel ignored or slighted. You must realise that this bad feeling has more to do with their own frustrations than with any failings on your part.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You obviously need to take the initiative if you are both to maintain the momentum you have already built up and keep control of the situation. One word of warning, though: do not blame partners or colleagues for problems that are nothing to do with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The last thing you want to do today is push your luck. You're ambitious, it's true, but a ferocious lunar aspect makes this a poor day to take risks, and that's an understatement! Stick to tried and tested plans and chart a safe course through troubled waters.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Everything is up for grabs. The question is, how do you respond when associates seem so terribly out of sorts? Do you rush in and offer tea and sympathy? Or do you attempt to solve the underlying problems? Whatever course you choose, please be consistent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You can play your cards either way. Even in your possible absence from work, professional alterations are afoot and personnel changes mean that very soon you will be working with new colleagues. All of you must reconsider your worldly ambitions, and one may have to be dropped.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Try taking a leap forward in time to the point two weeks from now when some sort of fresh start will be required at work. Think now about how you would handle such an eventuality and try and establish your priorities. After all, it is time for a change, isn't it?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
By now you should be aware of the exact scale of a financial problem and its precise cost. Hopefully, all that is involved is a minor overpayment or excess charge on a purely mundane commitment. At work, you'll do best by thinking about your tasks first, rather than assuming that you know everything already.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Do your best to maintain good relationships and be ready to meet opportunities as they arise, no matter how difficult and awkward partners are determined to be. Background activities are working to your advantage, as will soon become patently apparent.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The choice is not strictly between jaw-jaw and war-war, as the old saying goes. It may be best to combine the two. After all, there are battles to be fought on all fronts with resolve and determination. Your position is all the better precisely because partners can be so uncertain.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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SUDOKU MEDIUM

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Bread yet to be baked and given away (8)
5 Sound barrier (4)
9 The doctor joins me in a drink (5)
10 Registered pain from Dr White's manipulation (7)
11 A day-dreaming sheepdog? (4,8)
13 Take in with the eye of a sailor (6)
14 Check an oarsman's support (6)
17 He can't help helping himself (12)
20 Observe perhaps in so many words (7)
21 Moira becomes a New Zealander (5)
22 Standard measure (4)
23 Ill-temper shown by a girl in a muddle (8)

DOWN

1 A striking elevation of knowledge (4)
2 Boring; is due to be spruced up (7)
3 Article one put out after a bill for a rate increase (12)
4 New arrangement takes blame for cover up (6)
6 What's different about pot, heroin and cocaine (5)
7 Mild way to rebuke (8)
8 Presumably he can be relied upon for dexterity (5-4,3)
12 To cross the street is an easy undertaking (8)
15 A hit lyric that's fashionable (1,2,4)
16 Hold up means I'm deep in trouble (6)
18 Enter the lists? (5)
19 Notice the absence of failure (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Play-actor, 8 Erred, 9 Amusing, 10 Hawser, 11 Dreamt, 12 All right, 15 Punished, 18 You win, 20 Reacts, 21 Doeskin, 22 Thief, 23 Free trade.

Down: 2 Lemur, 3 Yes-man, 4 Cenotaph, 5 Repair, 6 Presage, 7 Adoration, 11 Desperate, 13 Ladylove, 14 Invalid, 16 Set off, 17 Purser, 19 Iliad.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

RTEXE
MERAF
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CETANC

Mom and Dad are not going to be happy about that.
I know. I already told them I got an A.
AFTER FLUNKING HIS ALGEBRA TEST, THE STUDENT WORRIED ABOUT THE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIANT GRIME MUMBLE HIGHLY
Answer: Their Labor Day cookout was going great until mosquitoes started — BUGGING THEM

LIGHTS ON

Visitors behold an illuminated Vidhana Soudha on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava in Bengaluru n Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Tormented by in-laws, woman hangs self

Leaves behind death note, accusing nine people of abetting her suicide, through dowry harassment and torture

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A 26-year-old woman died by suicide following alleged torture and dowry harassment by her parents-in-law, who run a well-known ice cream company in Bidadi.

The deceased, Aishwarya, blamed nine people for her death. The investigation officer said Aishwarya's father and her paternal uncle and aunt argued over property, following which they reportedly targeted Aishwarya's character in front of her in-laws when she got married in 2018.

Since then, Aishwarya's parents-in-law allegedly assassinated her character and constantly demanded money.

The family even accused her of not being fit for the family. The officer further said Aishwarya, an MBA, was working for a corporate firm, but had resigned four months ago after her parents-in-law forced her to quit.

A complaint filed by Aishwarya's mother Usha S stated that because of repeated quarrels between family members, Aishwarya had returned to her mother's house in Vijayanagar about 20 days ago.

On October 26, Usha left the house at 7.30 am with her son. The housekeeper, Latha, also reportedly left at 8 am after completing house chores. Aishwarya was alone and hanged herself from a ceiling fan.

She left a four-page death note, mentioning that her character was being assassinated and questioned by her parents-in-law, specifically her brother-in-law and his wife, who allegedly questioned her on her social media posts.

Paternal uncle, aunt blamed

She also blamed her paternal uncle and aunt in her death note.

However, Aishwarya's family has no complaints against her husband, the police said.

The Govindarajanagar police have booked nine persons under Sections 304B (dowry death) and 498A (harassment of woman to meet unlawful demands) of the Indian Penal Code, and are investigating.

Domestic help steals gold, silver, cash worth ₹3 crore within month of hiring

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@Bengaluru

A domestic help from Rajasthan and his two relatives are on the run after stealing over 4 kg gold and 32 kg silver jewellery and around Rs 9 lakh in cash, together valued at over Rs 3 crore, from a city-based jeweller's house.

The main accused, Ketharam, was hired to clean the house and shops of the jeweller for the last one month.

When the jeweller had gone to Mumbai, the accused decamped with the ornaments. The Halasuru Gate police have registered a case.

The theft happened at Kanchana Jewellers on OK Road in NT Pet between 7 am and 3 pm on Sunday . The suspects are identified as Ketharam, Rakesh and Dinesh. The 70-year-old Aravind Kumar Tade, a resident of VV Puram and the owner of Kanchana Jewellers, filed the police complaint on Monday.

Of the accused, Ketharam was working as a domestic help in Tade's residence. He was also kept for cleaning the jewellery shop. On the day of the theft, Tade had gone to Mumbai on some work. His family members had gone outside as it was a Sunday. In the absence of the family members, Ketharam took the jewellery shop keys. He and the other two stole 4.3 kg of gold and 32 kg of silver ornaments. The accused had disconnected the CCTV connection while committing the theft. The neighbouring shop owners who found out about the theft informed Tade's son.

"The main accused along with the two others are yet to be arrested. We have the details of the main accused and we are working on it," said an officer, who is part of the investigation.

Waive import tax for drug to save child, CM requests PM

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WITH the intention to save the life of a toddler from Karnataka, who is suffering from a rare disease, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting an import tax waiver for a life-saving drug.

Fifteen-month-old Maurya is suffering from a severe condition called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), affecting the central nervous system. His family is financially struggling to access treatment as the required drug is exorbitantly expensive and not easily accessible. The doctors have highlighted that 'Zologensma', a single-dose medication costing Rs 17.5 crore, will potentially cure the condition.

In a letter written to Modi on October 27, Siddaramaiah requested him to consider allocating monetary support from the PM Cares fund for procuring the injection. He has also asked the PM to direct the Ministry of Finance to waive off import taxes on Zologensma.

"While the drug's price is itself overwhelming, the added import taxes substantially increase the financial burden, making the acquisition of this life-saving medicine nearly unattainable for the family," the CM wrote.

SMA is a neuromuscular genetic disorder affecting the nerve cells, which control voluntary muscular movement in the body. It affects the control movement in the arms, legs, face, chest, throat, and tongue, as well as skeletal muscle activity, such as speaking, walking, swallowing, and breathing.

EXPRESS READ

74-year-old tailor knocked down by scooter succumbs to injuries

Bengaluru : A 74-year-old tailor died after being hit by a scooter, while he was returning home in Bhashyam Circle, after buying medicines. The incident occurred around 9.50 pm on Tuesday near Ram Mandir playground in Rajajinagar. The deceased, Kamal Rao, was hit by the scooter and was grievously injured. He was rushed to hospital, but could not be saved. A case has been booked.

Govt may add more procedures to AB-ArK, says Health Minister

Mangaluru: Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Wednesday said they have requested the Centre to add more medical procedures under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) scheme in view of opinions that some important procedures have been left out from the universal health scheme. He added that more facilities including pathology tests will be added in Namma Clinics.

INDECENT ACT

Groper in Lulu Mall a retired headmaster

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MAGADI Road police investigating a sexual harassment case inside Lulu Mall in Goplalapura, have managed to identify the accused as a retired school headmaster. The manager of the mall filed a complaint in this regard.

Police identified the accused as Ashwath Narayan, 60, a resident of Agrahara Dasarahalli. He was headmaster of a school in Shivanagar in Rajajinagar area, and had retired from work about eight months ago. The accused had groped a woman near Funtura Game Zone on the second floor of Lulu Mall on Sunday.

KK Shereef of Lulu International Shopping Malls filed a police complaint on Monday, stating that he came to know about the incident through the media, as the video of the suspect sexually harassing a woman had gone viral. He groped the woman between 6.30pm and 6.40pm on Sunday.

After the complaint was filed, police checked CCTV footage of all shops inside the mall, entry and exit movements and even the parking area. The accused had not shopped in any store and is suspected to have come to the mall only to harass women.

The person who followed Narayan and shot the video had spotted the accused sexually harassing a few women inside the mall. He filmed the accused on his mobile to provide proof of his activity. Police tracked the accused based on CCTV footage in the vicinity.

The video of Narayan groping a woman has since gone viral. Magadi Road police filed a case and booked the accused for sexual harassment along with other sections of the Indian Penal Code.

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BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD NO 1/1,1ST FLOOR,JC CIRCLE,KR ROAD,HOSAKOTE,BANGALORE RURAL- 562114 **AUCTION DATE: 05.12.2023**
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 706205281, 706205303, 706205344, 706205364, 706205423, 706205564, 706205645, 706205648, 706205671, 706205725, 706205907, 706205968, 706206005, 706206088, 706206140, 706206172, 706206267, 706206379, 706206494, 706206602, 706206636, 706206639, 706206640, 706206641, 706206833, 706207124, 706207130, 706207179, 706207420, 706207491, 706207626, 706208579.

BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS #8/14 SM ROAD NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE 560015 **AUCTION DATE: 05.12.2023**
KAR-A D HALLI: 10546. KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 11452, 11510, 11547, 11642, 11652, 11794, 11922, 11923, 11924. KAR-ATHEBELE: 6278, 6280, 6297, 6321, 6335, 6422, 6471, 6493, 6497. KAR-BANASHANKARI: 11581, 11588, 11594, 11865. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 10812, 10815, 11081, 11130, 11159, 11187, 11246, 11267, 11318, 11391, 11392, 11640. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 16964, 17018, 17215, 17290, 17363, 17397, 17427, 17487, 17808. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 10030. KAR-CHANDAPURA: 9306, 9447, 9455, 9478, 9507, 9513, 9650, 9893. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 10009334, 10009486, 10009576, 10009583, 10009713, 10009717, 10009761, 10009768, 10009873, 10009906. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 12589, 12738, 12863, 12865, 12901, 12917, 12945, 12991, 13075. KAR-GANDHI BAZAAR: 1359, 1360, 1403, 1497, 1573, 1827, 1828. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 28084, 28085, 28147, 28169, 28172, 28278, 28324, 28339, 28407, 28424. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 22752, 22892, 23251, 23269, 23270, 23433, 23527, 23530, 23579, 24223. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 10258, 10333, 10357, 10377, 10381, 10404, 10408, 10428, 10469, 10501, 10504, 10505, 10509, 10686, 10715. KAR-HENNUR: 706304770, 706304825, 706304846, 706304873, 706305086, 706305091, 706305092, 706305162, 706305170, 706305190, 706305191, 706305206, 706305219, 706305230, 706305234, 706305239, 706305568. KAR-HOSA ROAD: 27804, 28292, 28379, 28380, 28389, 28413, 28503, 28533, 28669, 28694, 28828, 28849, 29040, 29234. KAR-HOSAGUDDADAHALLI: 984. KAR-HSR LAYOUT: 24151, 24223, 24285, 24580, 24640, 24674, 24727, 24733, 24790, 24817, 24948, 24983, 25003, 25085, 25159, 25189, 25280, 25573, 25664. KAR-INFANTRY ROAD: 6026, 6068, 6090. KAR-JALAHALLI: 17714, 17781, 18024, 18059, 18061, 18062, 18104, 18225, 18279, 18354, 18397, 18411, 18436, 18459, 18489, 18495, 18520, 18526. KAR-JAYANAGAR: 10059, 10078, 10084, 10176. KAR-JP NAGAR: 18532, 18559, 18674, 18682, 18742, 18796, 19134, 19150, 19177. KAR-JP NAGAR-2: 53, 118, 224, 248, 517. KAR-K.R PURAM: 78704116, 78704259, 78704421, 78704466, 78704467, 78704512, 78704607, 78704612, 78704679, 78704681, 78704684, 78704738, 78704834, 78704972, 78705075, 78705290. KAR-KAGGADASAPURA: 30028666, 30028668. KAR-KAMMANAHALLI: 28563, 31302. KAR-KENGERI: 8714, 8719, 8726, 8837, 8895, 9110. KAR-KORAMANGALA: 5339, 5442, 5451, 5500, 5531. KAR-KOTHANNUR: 30003734, 30003741, 30003746, 30003747, 30003748, 30003749, 30003750, 30003751, 30003752, 30003774, 30003793, 30003797, 30003803, 30003845, 30003846, 30003857, 30003909, 30003937, 30003977, 30003978, 30004054, 30004063, 30004086, 30004105, 30004174, 30004193, 30004215, 30004216, 30004233, 30004273, 30004300, 30004334, 30004478, 512610932, 512610933, 512610936, 512610937, 512610949, 512610950, 512610966, 512610971, 512610972, 512610984, 512610994, 512610995, 512610998, 512611019, 512611058, 512611059. KAR-KUMBALGODU: 15191, 15196, 15282, 15568, 15585, 15713, 15813, 15831, 15855, 15921, 16035, 16038, 16120, 16123, 16362, 16658, 16661, 16685, 16687. KAR-LALBAGH: 14146, 14375, 14386, 14470, 14494, 14573. KAR-M.S.PALYA: 30003673, 30003754, 30003997, 30004043, 30004197, 30004391, 30004473, 30004983. KAR-MADIVALA: 13006, 13128, 13129, 13208. KAR-MALLESHWARAM: 8404. KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR: 18369, 18851, 18867, 18871, 18872, 18899, 19040, 19051, 19091, 19094, 19102, 19105, 19122, 19171, 19206, 19264. KAR-MARATHAHALLI: 31317, 31337, 31338, 31347, 31360, 31376, 31422, 31424, 31440, 31443, 98611728, 98611742, 98611768, 98611780. KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR: 9829, 10079, 10258. KAR-MATHIKERE: 31451, 31464, 31482, 31492, 10010040, 10010114, 10010118, 10010183, 10010189, 10010192, 10010257, 10010280, 10010306, 10010308. KAR-MOODALAPALYA: 10010, 10011, 10012, 10024, 10025, 10030, 10183. KAR-MUTHANALLUR: 8622, 8694, 8795, 9067, 9402, 9450, 9463, 9465. KAR-NAGARABHAVI: 10722, 10797, 10798, 10810, 10813, 10850, 10869, 10891, 10902, 10921, 10922, 10968, 11025, 11029, 11044, 11052, 11057, 11063, 11068, 11070, 11221, 11270. KAR-PEENYA: 1079933, 1079965, 1080108, 1080195, 1080216, 1080374, 1080483, 1080530, 1080842, 1080934, 1080965, 1080990, 1081091, 1081217. KAR-RAJAJINAGAR: 11284, 11288, 11309, 11343, 11346, 11371, 11460, 11486, 11487. KAR-RAJARAJESHWARI: 1373, 1478. KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR: 14684, 14998, 15125, 15167, 15203, 15270, 15271, 15281, 15291, 15302, 15312, 15328, 15418, 15426, 15432, 15449, 15533, 15715, 15752. KAR-RT NAGAR: 16891, 16893, 16920, 17061, 17286, 17308, 17346, 17352. KAR-SANJAY NAGAR: 8073, 8390, 8409, 8484, 8624. KAR-SARJAPUR ROAD: 14522, 14660, 14662, 14876, 14894, 14903, 14910, 14912, 14935, 14970, 15016, 15068, 15087, 15129, 15137. KAR-SBM COLONY: 9088, 9095. KAR-SRINAGAR: 10373, 10434, 10566, 10586, 10605, 10624. KAR-SUMANAHALLI: 30013359, 30013447, 30013599, 30013633. KAR-SUNKADAKATTE: 20353, 20460, 20684, 20686, 20687, 20688, 20720. KAR-T.C.PALYA: 12709, 12735, 12844, 12845, 12846, 13217, 13481, 13584, 13644, 13646, 13777, 13810, 14073, 14099, 14304. KAR-THANISANDRA: 8769, 9225, 9227. KAR-THIPPASANDRA: 30946, 31162, 31214, 31321, 31322, 31326, 31344, 31353, 31501, 31681, 31777, 31785, 31790, 31814, 31817, 32101. KAR-UDAYNAGAR: 30026580, 30026609, 30026663, 30026667. KAR-UTTARAHALLI: 319538, 319661, 319759, 319809, 319825, 319843, 319865, 319895, 319896, 319928, 319929, 319967, 320011, 320066, 320067, 320096, 320097, 320098, 320110, 320115, 320349. KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA: 9615, 9638, 9662, 9759, 10128, 10253, 10265, 10292. KAR-VIJAYNAGAR: 9489, 9500, 9540, 9550, 9567, 9584, 9586, 9589, 9590, 9591, 9592, 9593, 9594, 9595, 9596, 9598, 9599, 9600, 9601, 9603, 9607, 9608, 9609, 9624, 9638, 9656. KAR-VIVEKNAGAR: 14343, 14375, 14383, 14384, 14422, 14427, 14435, 14442, 14450, 14482, 14490, 14517, 14525, 14540, 14580, 14582, 14727, 14763, 14786, 14891, 14894, 14987, 15001, 15100, 15101, 15152, 15153, 15184, 15189, 15210, 15341, 15377, 15403, 15407, 15410, 15531, 15540, 15541, 15638, 15684, 15705, 15734, 15735. KAR-WILSON GARDEN: 8239, 8289, 8389, 8390, 8391, 8799. KAR-YESHWANTHPUR: 98613238, 98613753.

CHAMARAJNAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD # 34 SRI RAMA COMPLEX BANAJIGARA BUILDING SAMPIGE ROAD CHAMARAJANAGAR-571313 **AUCTION DATE: 06.12.2023**
KAR-CHAMARAJA NAGARA: 19568, 19878, 20028, 20061, 20195, 20200, 20406, 20446, 20518, 20538, 20792, 20867. KAR-GUNDLUPET: 31508, 31821, 31949, 31989, 32007, 32100, 32149, 32244, 32291, 32415, 32508, 32570, 32678, 32767, 32791, 33127, 33165. KAR-KOLLEGALA: 11732, 11891, 12247, 12374.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD.1ST FLOOR,2535/B,SUVARANA COMPLEX.OPPOSITE SHANKAR TALKES, LAXMI BAZAR ROAD CHITRADURGA-577501 **AUCTION DATE: 07.12.2023**
KAR-CHITRADURGA: 8297, 8298, 8670, 8736, 8771, 8798. KAR-HOLALKERE: 17009, 17048, 17084, 17155, 17233, 17252, 17276, 20132, 20224, 20226, 20557, 20558, 20559, 20560, 20699.

DAVANAGERE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD SREE KOTTURESHWARA COMPLEX 1ST CROSS ASHOKA ROAD DAVANGERE-577002 **AUCTION DATE: 07.12.2023**
KAR-DAVANAGERE: 10833, 10840, 10950, 10999, 11028, 11164, 11210, 11253, 11267, 11268, 11275, 11311, 11327, 11328, 11337, 11347, 11361, 11373, 11402, 11403, 11446, 11490, 11502, 11512.

HASSAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD 1ST FLOOR SNS COMPLEX OPP MAHAVEERA PETROL BUNK B M ROAD HASSAN **AUCTION DATE: 08.12.2023**
KAR-ARSIKERE: 9955, 9965, 10015, 10054, 23133, 23144, 23279, 23299, 23300, 36547, 36665, 36745, 36794, 36893, 36905, 36918, 37052, 37130, 37176, 37181, 37182, 37233, 37272, 37280, 37298, 37337, 37342, 37354, 37355, 37365, 37418, 37476, 37512, 37641, 37643, 37650, 37704, 37712, 37974, 38007, 38021, 38022, 38130, 38172, 38177, 38190, 38231, 38271, 38329, 38457, 38640, 38749, 38899, 38994, 39002, 39056. KAR-BM ROAD-HASSAN: 16742, 16828, 16956, 17125, 17132, 17212, 17238, 17271, 17341, 17440, 17520, 17715, 17849, 17853, 17896, 18063, 18113, 18127, 18228, 18499, 18519, 18600. KAR-CHENNARAYAPATNA: 15082, 15101, 15116, 15129, 15150, 15175, 15348, 15372, 15461, 15501, 15629, 15674, 15726, 15749, 15785, 15797, 15819, 15881, 15907, 16060, 16251, 16288, 16300, 16336. KAR-RC ROAD: 15192, 15316, 15463, 15631, 15811, 15881, 15968, 16046, 16092, 16138, 16142, 16143, 16207, 16302, 16380, 16385, 16421, 16422, 16559, 16620, 16697, 16698, 16731, 16803, 16832.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: DOOR NO. 01, 1ST FLOOR, SIDDALINGESHWARA COMPLEX, DURGABHAVAN CIRCLE, K R PET TOWN, MANDYA - 571426 **AUCTION DATE: 09.12.2023**
KAR-KR PET: 9475, 9653, 9690, 9693, 9735, 9864, 19861, 19882, 19940, 20426, 20482, 20500, 20613, 20626. KAR-PANDAVAPURA: 19355, 19410, 19485, 19494, 19653, 19814, 19857, 19872, 19878, 20107, 20227, 57104045, 57104059.

MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS # 4583/1 GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE N R MOHALLA MYSORE-570007 **AUCTION DATE: 11.12.2023**
KAR-AGRAHARA: 12170, 12475, 12616, 12817. KAR-BOGADI: 7787, 7833, 7838, 8131, 8159, 8173, 8273, 8304. KAR-CHAMARAJA DOUBLE ROAD: 10304, 10339, 10493, 10659, 10714, 10774, 10790, 10852. KAR-HEBBAL MYSORE: 16831, 16922, 16939, 16979, 16991, 17073, 17204, 17460, 17522. KAR-HINKAL: 9444, 9580, 9604, 9833, 9972. KAR-KR NAGAR: 17591, 17622, 17681, 17752, 17756, 17908, 18044, 18086, 18087, 18388, 18655, 18817, 18850, 20158, 20268, 20289, 20310, 20415. KAR-NANJANGUD: 19556, 19723, 19897, 19915, 20126, 20274, 20276, 20761. KAR-NR MOHALLA: 33063, 33598, 33886, 33987, 34217, 34290, 34293, 34672, 35008. KAR-SARASWATHIPURAM: 6986, 7094, 7137, 7165. KAR-THERESIAN COLLEGE CIRCLE: 17123, 17183, 17215, 17401, 17671, 17717, 17722, 18165. KAR-V V MOHALLA: 11122, 11123, 11159, 11228, 11468, 11482, 11491. KAR-VIVEK CIRCLE: 9618, 9722, 9797, 9994, 10099.

RAMANAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD ABR TOWER ,2ND FLOOR, ABOVE MAYURA PARADISE ,OPP.KSRTC BUSTAND, IJOOR , BM ROAD,RAMANAGARA-562159 **AUCTION DATE: 11.12.2023**
KAR-BIDADI: 17960, 18216, 18406, 18550, 19170. KAR-RAMANAGARA: 19584, 19592, 19633, 19742, 19773, 20102, 20330, 20419, 20516, 20599, 20602, 20641, 20658, 20989, 21178, 21252, 21255, 21297, 21304, 21317, 21365, 21407, 21469, 21496, 21540, 21544, 21566, 21657.

SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD 1ST FLOOR C.N ROAD BEHIND GOVT.HOSPITAL NEAR RANGAPPA CIRCLE OPP JAYANTHI STORE, BHADRAVATHI-577301 **AUCTION DATE: 07.12.2023**
KAR-BHADRAVATHI: 706205157, 706205229, 706205239, 706205595, 706205606, 706205610, 706205650, 706205654, 706205991, 706206094, 706206124, 706206125, 706206188, 706206242, 706206321, 706206361, 706206365, 706206679. KAR-SAGARA: 7468, 7692, 7855, 7934, 8035, 8144, 8214. KAR-VIDYANAGAR: 30013291, 30013375, 30013384, 30013427, 30013669, 30013694, 30013780, 30013917, 30013967, 30013991, 30014018, 30014020, 30014044, 30014069, 30014070, 30014134, 30014163, 30014164, 30014167, 30014173, 30014212, 30014228, 30014281, 30014288, 30014357, 30014411, 30014492, 30014495, 30014507, 30014520, 30014685, 30014699, 30014753, 30014798, 30014823, 30014901. KAR-VINOBHANAGAR: 8377, 8396, 8400, 8474, 8632, 8681, 8785, 8886, 8908, 8923, 8940, 8994, 9013, 9014, 9069, 9097, 9122, 9143, 76201765.

TUMKUR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD. FIRST FLOOR, TVV CIRCLE OPP.BHARATH PETROLEUM BUNK. MADHUGIRI. 572132 **AUCTION DATE: 06.12.2023**
KAR-KORATEGERE: 17950, 18051, 18097, 18110, 18155, 18172, 18498, 18564, 18592, 18693, 18706, 18778, 18852, 18862, 18874, 18883, 18885, 18911, 19017, 19029, 19053, 19077, 19078, 19103, 19720. KAR-KUNIGAL: 31660, 31872, 31885, 31910, 31952, 31993. KAR-MADHUGIRI: 15096, 15133, 15182, 15348, 15350, 15381, 15402, 15504, 15506, 15685, 15739, 15753, 15863, 16012, 16074, 16118, 16272, 16296, 16330. KAR-MANDIPET: 9765, 9849, 9891, 9983, 10003, 10065, 10106, 10167, 10220, 10286, 10399, 10416, 10441, 10513. KAR-SIRA: 30013106, 30013408, 30013438, 30013439, 30013448, 30013459, 30013471, 30013476, 30013488, 30013754, 30013758, 30013760, 30013793, 30013945, 30013952, 30013960, 30013997, 30014030, 30014058, 30014083, 30014311, 30014352, 30014360, 30014361, 30014374. KAR-TIPTUR: 21022, 21083, 21098, 21215, 21231, 21275, 21362, 21414, 35088, 35144, 35156, 35231, 35235, 35236, 35247, 35262, 35264, 35271, 35329, 35431, 35493, 35499, 35502, 35538, 35628, 35644, 35748, 35824, 35891, 35897, 35902, 35956.

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The state government pulled all stops to prevent pro-Maharashtra activists from observing Kannada Rajyotsava Day as a black day on Wednesday. But Manohar Kinekar, former MLA and senior leader of Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES), Belagavi, claimed that they were successful in their protest. MES activists took out a silent protest through the streets of the city

Kharge rushes Venugopal, Surjewala to quell dissent

Different groups rooting for Siddu, DKS for CM worrying top brass

AICC general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and KC Venugopal meet Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Wednesday

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THE Congress high command has taken a serious view of state party leaders raising the issue of power sharing and change in chief minister's post as it could have an adverse impact on the party's prospects in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The party top leadership has rushed AICC general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and KC Venugopal to control the damage.

Their intervention seems necessary as many warnings issued by them and also KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar have not had any effect on local leaders, who have continued to issue statements on the touchy subject. Surjewala and Venogopal held a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here on Wednesday.

Recent developments, including Siddaramaiah's dinner meeting at Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara's house along with ministers HC Mahadevappa and Satish Jarkiholi, have worried the high command. Also, Satish, who too is said to be in the CM race, was planning to take some 20 MLAs who support him on a tour. But it was thwarted by Venugopal.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, though hails from the state, has assigned the responsibility of containing the situation to Surjewala and Venugopal as he does not want to be seen favouring any faction, party sources told *TNIE*.

Some leaders loyal to Siddaramaiah, including ministers KN Rajanna, Mahadevappa and Zameer Ahmed Khan, have repeatedly spoken about the AHINDA leader completing the full five-year term as chief minister. But supporters of Shivakumar, including MLAs Basavaraju V Shivaganga and Ravikumar Gowda (Ganiga), have said the deputy chief minister will become chief minister within five years of the Congress rule. "I was with Siddaramaiah and will continue to be with him. Our high command leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi will decide if at all there will be a change in the chief minister's post," Zameer Ahmed Khan said only a few days ago.

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>
> Zameer Ahmed Khan, Housing, Waqf and Minority Welfare Minister

Focus on devpt of constutencies, Surjewala advises MLAs

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APPOINTMENTS to be made to government boards and corporations and preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections were also discussed. Another meeting will be held after November 17 as he is now busy with the assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Surjewala said.

He said, "The Congress MLAs should focus on the development of their constituencies and the leaders on strengthening the party. Power sharing and other internal matters of the party should not be discussed in public."

"Karnataka is at the centre of the party's strategy for the Lok Sabha elections. We are confident of the party winning 20 LS seats in the state. The ministers, MLAs and other functionaries should work in tandem for the party's victory," he said.

He claimed that people are happy with the Congress government's guarantee schemes. "Thus, we are certain to win more seats in the Lok Sabha elections. We have asked the party's state leaders to hold meetings at the local level in the next 15 days and shortlist potential candidates," he said. Referring to the party's organisational matters, he said many leaders who held posts have become MLAs and ministers. Youngsters, especially new faces, will be given responsibilities after discussing the same with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, he added.

Offered Z security, but BSY yet to take it

BANSY KALAPPA @Bangalore

ARGUABLY the tallest BJP leader in the state, **BS Yediyurappa**, was offered Z category security by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs about a week ago, but he is yet to opt for it. His supporters wanted to know, "Yediyurappa is not an aspirant for party president or opposition leader posts. He has also not received any threats by mail or phone. Why is the central government providing him this level of security?"

Some said the Z-level security is more to keep tabs on the leader's movements at all times. Many in the powerful Lingayat circles too wanted to know what was the heightened threat perception that is making the Union Ministry of Home Affairs provide such high security to the former CM.

Veerashaiva Mahasabha Secretary Renuka Prasanna said, "As the Lok Sabha elections are approaching, you either have to take leaders along or keep tabs on them." A few CRPF officers visited Yediyurappa's house on Tuesday and assessed the situation. Sources in Yediyurappa's inner circle said, "Them offering the Z-level security is one thing, him accepting is another. He has not opted for it."

Political analyst BS Murthy said, "It should not become a joke. Yediyurappa is a politician who can stand in Gandhi Bazaar and eat a chaat without any threat. He is a much-loved leader acceptable to all. Perhaps he is the most secular BJP leader ever in Karnataka. What will Z security do? Have they received any threat or a letter warning him? Nothing. Is Karnataka a Uttar Pradesh or Madhya Pradesh that they accord such an elaborate Z-level security to him? It appears that someone in Delhi has got their calculation awfully wrong."

A former senior BJP functionary said, "Perhaps, it is the Centre's way of honouring him." On any threats to the Lingayat leader, he said, "After the recent communal incident in Shivamogga, one cannot rule out anything. That could be the reason for upgrading his security."

BJP chief spokesman Mahesh said, "When there is some threat perception or some intelligence input, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs takes such action."

SIDDU ANNOUNCES FREE WATER, POWER FOR ALL GOVT SCHOOLS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said on Wednesday that free electricity and drinking water will be given to all government schools in the state with immediate effect.

He was speaking after hoisting the Kannada flag to mark the 68th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations here. Stressing the need for primacy to Kannada at all levels of administration in the state, he said other languages can be used while dealing with the union government and other states. The Union government conducts entrance tests for recruitments in its various departments only in Hindi and English languages. "Candidates should be allowed to write exams in their mother tongue. Earlier, I insisted on conducting the entrance exams in Kannada as well. I will write to Prime Minister Modi in this regard again," he said.

Siddaramaiah said parents should shun the obsession of admitting their children to English medium schools. "Children should get education in Kannada medium till SSLC. Efforts are being made to improve the quality of education in government schools," he added.

On the negligent attitude towards Kannada by people from other states living in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru, Siddaramaiah said, "Learning or speaking other languages is not wrong. But living in Karnataka and not making efforts to learn Kannada is unforgivable."

School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa said the process of recruiting about 13,000 teachers is on. The government will take steps to fill the remaining vacancies in schools. Action has been initiated to construct 8,311 classrooms. In all, 2,000 Karnataka public schools will be built in the current year. Besides, 600 schools will be upgraded during the period. To boost the learning ability of SSLC and PU students and improve the pass percentage, examinations are being conducted thrice a year, he said.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, MLA Rizwan Arshad and Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma were present.

Award for two govt schools

The BKV Government High School at Nimblagere village in Kottur taluk of Vijayanagara district and the Government Higher Primary School at Bendoni village in Lingasugur taluk of Raichur district were presented with the Best School Award instituted in memory of former education minister HG Govindegowda.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaks at the 68th Kannada Rajyotsava at Sri Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Former CM HD Kumaraswamy and Adichunchanagiri Mutt pontiff Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swami at an event in Dubai on Wednesday | EXPRESS

HDK: Once Garden City, B'luru becoming 'garbage city'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said that Bengaluru, once known as the "Garden City", is now called "Garbage City".

"Today we are remembering Kempegowda. But what happened to the lakes he built in Bengaluru? Because of the selfish, narrow mindedness (of leaders), many lakes have been destroyed in the name of the city's development. Once upon a time, we all proudly called Bengaluru as the Garden City, but now it is called Garbage City. Who is responsible for this?" he questioned.

Speaking after inaugurating the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Utsava, organised by the UAE Vokkaligara Sangha in Dubai, Kumaraswamy said, "Despite the advancements in technology, including the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, we have failed to provide basic facilities to a historical city like Bengaluru. We all failed to perform our duties efficiently as politicians," he added.

But while recalling the contributions of Kempegowda and appreciating the organisers for remembering him for his ideal administration which should be emulated, Kumaraswamy observed that the Bengaluru City he built has grown into one of the best cities in the world.

"In terms of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's administration, where there is vision, there are no borders. His ideal governance should be emulated by all. He ruled everyone as equal," Kumaraswamy said.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt pontiff Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swami and former minister CP Yogeshwar were also present on the occasion.

Large auditorium for Kannada events will be constructed soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah announced on Wednesday that the state government will construct 'Nadadevathe Bhuvaneshwari Bhavana', a large auditorium to hold programmes related to Kannada and culture.

He was speaking after distributing Rajyotsava awards to 68 achievers, including ISRO Chairman S Somanath, retired Supreme Court judge Justice Gopala Gowda, golfer Aditi Ashok, and philanthropist Charmadi Hasanabba, and 10 organisations for their service in different fields on Kannada Rajyotsava Day. He said it is the responsibility of every Kannadiga to create an atmosphere where Kannada becomes inevitable.

Attacking the previous BJP government for not celebrating the 50th year of naming the state as Karnataka, he said it was a dereliction on its (BJP government) part. "We have announced 'Karnataka Sambrama 50', a year-long programme to celebrate the 50 years of renaming the state. Events related to the history of the state, its glory, language, culture and heritage will be held across the state from tomorrow (Thursday)," he added.

He said the committee to choose the award winners had received 2,655 applications and commended it for picking those who deserve the award. "There are instances of adding the names of awardees at the last minute, as per the whims and fancies of those in power. But we have shunned that practice," he added. Replying to the suggestion by Nijagunananda Swami to introduce 'vachanas' as part of the school curriculum, he said the government will consider it.

Lauding the guarantee schemes introduced by the state government, Justice Gopala Gowda urged the government to address the issue of unemployment.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah poses with the Kannada Rajyotsava award winners at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Cong govt will complete term: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

MINISTER for Horticulture, and Mines and Geology **SS Mallikarjun** on Wednesday stated the collapse of the Congress government is impossible. Though the BJP is dreaming about it, it will not fructify, he said.

Addressing the media against the backdrop of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations in the city, he said the Siddaramaiah-led dispensation will complete its full term. "The BJP is spreading fake news about the government's collapse, but the state government is very strong," he added.

He also said he has got a blueprint for the development of Davanagere, and in the coming days, the work will take off. Responding to a question on the World Kannada Sammelana in Davanagere, he said it might not be possible this year due to drought. "In December, I will discuss the matter with the chief minister and ensure that sufficient money is reserved for this in the budget," he said.

Mallikarjun assured Davanagere residents that there are no problems pertaining to drinking water in the city. Deputy Commissioner Dr Venkatesh M V, ZP CEO Suresh B Ittnal, IGP Dr K Tyagarajan and SP Uma Prashanth accompanied the minister.

> *BJP leaders have no moral right to criticise the Congress as their top brass have failed to appoint an Opposition leader even after so long. No doubt, the Congress government will complete its full term* – KN Rajanna, Cooperation Minister

People want Siddu as CM for five years: Rajanna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hassan

LAUDING the governance of the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led dispensation, Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna on Wednesday said that the people of Karnataka and most of the MLAs want Siddaramaiah as the CM for five years.

Addressing the media here during Kannada Rajyostava celebrations, Rajanna said that over a dozen leaders, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, in the party are also capable of taking the top job. However, such decisions are left to the Congress high command, and leaders will draw the attention of the latter over the issue.

Meanwhile, Rajanna, who is also the Hassan district in-charge minister, asked, "What is wrong in demanding the CM post for Shivakumar, and all leaders have a free will to express their opinion in this regard."

Referring to the recent statements by former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, the minister quipped that he does not know when the BJP leader turned into an astrologer to predict the fate of the government. "BJP leaders have no moral right to criticise the Congress as their top brass have failed to appoint an Opposition leader even after so long. No doubt, the congress government will complete its full term of five years, as no MLAs are ready to face elections," he said.

Brushing aside alleged differences between ministers Satish Jarkiholi and Laxmi Hebbalkar, he said the allegations are politically motivated. Having dinner with ministers and MLAs are common in all parties and there is no need to give so much importance to it, he added.

Govt may fall before LoP is chosen: Yatnal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has predicted that the ruling Congress government may collapse even before the BJP chooses its Leader of the Opposition.

Yatnal was replying to a media query on the delay in selecting a Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly by the BJP leadership, on the sidelines of a Rajyotsava programme here on Wednesday.

Later, referring to the prevailing drought situation in the state, Yatnal said the party has decided to tour the drought-affected taluks by constituting a separate team of MLAs and other leaders.

"I am personally visiting the Mysuru region on November 6 and 7 to assess the situation. The state is reeling under severe drought. Farmers are not getting adequate electricity. The government is not giving relief towards the crop loss. Considering all aspects, our party has decided to tour the state. The report would be tabled in the coming Assembly session," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Probe into CD case if Ramesh gives evidence, says Dr G

TUMAKURU: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Wednesday promised to deliver justice to former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi if the latter furnished adequate evidence with regard to him being allegedly honey-trapped. "If the MLA (Ramesh) provides the evidence he has with him, a detailed probe will be done by the police, and if any injustice happened, he will get justice," he told reporters, while replying to Ramesh's statement that if CBI probes the incident, the truth will come out. On KSRTC buses being attacked in Maharashtra, Parameshwara maintained that the perpetrators had torched buses of all states plying in the neighbouring state.

CID TAKES OVER INVESTIGATION INTO BJP ACTIVIST'S SUICIDE

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has taken over the investigation into the suicide of BJP activist Shivakumar of Shiroli village in Sedam taluk, official sources said here on Wednesday.

Shivakumar, a farmer and BJP activist, committed suicide on October 19 at Shiroli village and later an audio clip, believed to be recorded by him before the suicide, went viral. In the clip, he blames Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanaprakash Patil, who is the MLA from Sedam, for harassment leading to his suicide. Later, BJP demanded Patil's resignation as minister and a higher-level inquiry. In response, Kalaburagi district in-charge minister Priyank Kharge and Home Minister G Parameshwara announced a CID probe.

CID Investigating Officer Manohar Pike visited the Sulepet Police Station, where a case has been registered, and took over the investigation officially a few days ago. Sources said CID SP Sudhirkumar Reddy too visited Kalaburagi on Wednesday and guided the CID team on the investigation.

The same team, led by Pike, will also investigate another suicide of BJP activist Devanand Korba, who ended his life at Kalagurti village of Chittapur taluk. BJP activists alleged that Korba committed suicide because of harassment by Congress worker Shivaraj, who is a follower of Priyank Kharge. They also charged that Shivaraj is not being arrested because of his proximity to Kharge.

Before Shivakumar's suicide case was handed over to CID, Sulepet police had conducted the inquiry and summoned Shivakuma's wife and mother, his friends and activists of different parties staying in Shiroli. Shivakumar's wife and mother in their written statement and during the inquiry stated that he committed suicide because of his debt. Shivakumar had taken loans from KGB and other banks, they stated in their statement.

Accusing the BJP-led Union government of attempting to hack the mobile phones of members of opposition parties, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said the saffron party's actions are driven by their fear of defeat in the upcoming parliamentary elections

6 HELD FOR STRIPPING, MUGGING 2 SC YOUTH

Accused, after learning that they were Dalits, intensified their attacks and urinated on them

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirunelveli

SIX men from a Most Backward Community were arrested by the Tirunelveli city police late on Tuesday for allegedly torturing two Scheduled Caste youths by disrobing them and urinating on them before snatching their cash and mobile phones on Monday night on Thamirabarani riverbed.

The victims, S Manoj Kumar (21) and S Mariappan (19), are currently undergoing treatment at Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital.

While Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi district secretary MC Sekar and local functionary Murugan Kannan alleged that police are attempting to portray the incident as a simple robbery, Tirunelveli City Police Commissioner C Mageswari rejected the allegations and said a fair investigation is on in the case.

Speaking to reporters at the hospital, the victims said they had gone to the river on Monday around 7.30 pm for taking bath when a group started attacking them. After learning that they are Dalits, the group intensified the attack, asked them to strip, and urinated on them, the victims said.

The attackers also snatched silver jewellery and cell phones from the victims. As the muggers demanded money, one of the victims asked his employer to send Rs 5,000 through online transfer to his account. The torture continued from 7.45pm to 1am. After the money was credited, one of the accused went to a nearby ATM on the victim's bike to withdraw the money. The victims later managed to escape from the attackers and reached home at the dead of the night.

Based on their complaint, the Thatchanallur police registered cases against Ponmani, Nallamuthu, Aayiram, Ramar, Lakshmanan and Siva on Tuesday and arrested them. They were booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 2015.

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu arrives in Hyderabad on Wednesday | EXPRESS

CID says Naidu violated bail rules, HC reserves verdict

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

THE Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict in the supplementary petition filed by APCID seeking imposition of more conditions on Naidu, who was released on interim bail, to Friday. Hearing both sides of the arguments in the petition, which concluded on Wednesday, Justice T Mallikarjuna Rao reserved the verdict.

The investigation department on Tuesday, hours after the court granted interim bail to TDP chief, filed an urgent supplementary petition seeking directions to Naidu not to speak to the media, participate in political activities and address rallies while he was out on interim bail.

The court had passed an interim order restraining Naidu from taking part in political rallies or giving interviews till the verdict in the case is pronounced.

When the supplementary petition of CID came for hearing before Justice Mallikarjuna Rao on Wednesday, additional advocate general appearing for APCID argued that Naidu has violated the conditions imposed by the court by taking out a rally and addressing the media and also submitted a pen drive containing the visuals of Naidu's speech after coming out of prison.

In response, the judge observed that government has intelligence department and it provides up to date information on Naidu's whereabouts and questioned the need for directions to allow to officials to gather information. Further, he pointed out that Chandrababu Naidu is under Z+ category security.

Naidu's counsel Dammalapati Srinivas said that conditions for giving bail are only to protect the investigation procedure, but the conditions being sought by CID to be imposed on TDP chief borders on violation of the fundamental rights of Naidu.

Man assaults minor daughter, forces her to drink pesticide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

ENRAGED at his daughter for having an affair with a boy from another community, a man brutally assaulted the minor girl with an iron rod and forcibly poured pesticide down her throat in an attempt to kill her.

The incident took place around 8am last Sunday. The Aluva West Police on Wednesday arrested the 43-year-old Karumalloor native and booked him for attempt to murder, among other charges. The condition of the 14-year-old girl, currently under treatment in a private hospital in Kochi, is serious.

The FIR said upon learning of his daughter's affair with the boy who studies in the same school in Kadungalloor and belongs to a different community, the man asked her to end the relationship. He also seized her mobile phone. However, the girl continued the relationship, and communicated with the boy from another phone, the FIR said.

Angry at her for repeatedly disobeying his directive, the man hit her hands and legs with an iron rod and force-fed her a weedicide. The girl fainted and was rushed to a nearby hospital by other members of the family, said the FIR. She was shifted to a multi-specialty hospital in Kochi later in the day.

The police said they received an intimation about the girl from the hospital on Tuesday. The police lodged an FIR following a preliminary inquiry and after taking the girl's statement at the hospital.

A spokesperson with the hospital said the girl, admitted to the Paediatric ICU, continued to be in critical condition.

The police have booked the father under Sections 342 (wrongful confinement), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 326-A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid, etc), and 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC and Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which provides for punishment if any person having control of child, assaults, abandons, abuses or willfully neglects the child.

Hassan dist all set for Hasanamba festivities

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

THE district administration is all set to celebrate Goddess Hasanamba festivities from November 2. District Minister K N Rajanna visited the temple along with senior officials Deputy Commissioner C Satyabhama, SP Mohamed Sujeeta and senior revenue officials on Wednesday and inspected arrangements being made for the success of the 11-day festival, followed by cultural events. The minister inspected decorations done with very rare flowers and fruits at the temple entrance. He directed senior officials to put sincere efforts for the success of the celebration which is held once in a year. He was also satisfied with arrangements and basic amenities created for devotees in and around the temple on the occasion.

For the first time, the police are deploying more number of women police constables as women devotees are likely to increase due to Shakti scheme. The district authority also arranged special tour packages and adventure sports and entertainment activities for devotees. The district authority has introduced passes and identity cards with a barcode for VVIPs and the media to avoid crowding and misuse of passes. Cultural events will be held at Government Arts College ground and local artistes will be given priority, said DC C Satyabhama.

The rituals being followed as per the tradition of Hasanamba festivities and will be held after opening temple doors after 12.30 pm on Thursday. Devotees will be allowed inside the temple for darshan from Friday.

POWER-PACKED

Actor Mohanlal takes a selfie with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, actors Kamal Haasan, Mammootty and Shobhana, and ministers V Sivankutty and K Rajan during the inaugural session of Keraleeyam 2023 at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday | B P DEEPU

'Litigant' says he is 'Punjab HC judge', court orders CBI probe

JEGADEESWARI PANDIAN
@ Madurai

A 'litigant', who claimed himself to be a sitting judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and a practising advocate in the Supreme Court of India, landed in soup after the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court ordered a CBI to probe into the genuineness of his claims.

Justice B Pugalendhi passed the order on Tuesday while dismissing a petition filed in 2014 by the man, Captain Dr VRC Pandiyan, seeking direction to the Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd (SIDCO) to execute a sale deed for shed no.4 of its industrial estate in Uchipuli in Ramanathapuram district in his favour. When the case was heard on Tuesday, the standing counsel for SIDCO told the court that Pandiyan was allotted the shed in the year 2000 after he paid the margin amount. But he failed to pay the balance amount despite being provided several opportunities and left the shed in disuse, the SIDCO counsel said.

When Justice Pugalendhi questioned the litigant in this regard, he stood by his stand and claimed he was appointed by the Government of India as an additional judge of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. He also showed the court a copy of his appointment notification dated September 19, 2021, through his mobile phone.

Justice Pugalendhi observed that a plain reading of the notification raises suspicion over its genuineness. Moreover, the petitioner himself has filed an experience certificate allegedly issued by the Madras High Court Advocates' Association on October 25, 2023, as per which he enrolled as an advocate in 2014 and has been practising before the SC and Chandigarh High Court, among others, for the past 10 years.

He therefore directed the CBI to register a case and investigate the genuineness of the notification and those responsible for the fabrication among others.

GAIL launches CNG promotion scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

GAIL Gas Limited, on Wednesday launched a CNG Promotional Scheme to make travelling more cost-effective and environment-friendly.

By offering advantages to both new and retrofitted commercial vehicles, with the scheme for two months (November and December), it is expected to encourage use of clean and efficient CNG.

During this period, customers buying new CNG vehicles or converting their vehicle to CNG, shall be offered incentives, based on the type of vehicle. Vehicles will be provided a CNG Fuel Gift Card entitling them to get free CNG from CNG Stations of GAIL Gas Limited.

GAIL has an extensive network of 2,000 kms of pipeline in the city with 100 CNG stations.

CNG SCHEME BENEFITS

New passenger auto rickshaws	Rs14,000
New Small & Medium vehicles	Rs25,000
New Buses & Trucks	Rs75,000
New commercial taxis	Rs25,000
Retrofitted buses & trucks	Rs75,000
Retrofitted Small & Medium vehicles	Rs25,000

* (Denomination of the card per vehicle)

Kidnapped B'luru PU student rescued near Arkalgud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hassan

FOUR miscreants, who allegedly kidnapped Chirag (21), a student of Nagarjuna College in Bengaluru, abandoned him near Arakalgud in Hassan on Wednesday.

Sources said the miscreants kidnapped Chirag, son of Krishne Gowda of Anantapur Extension in the Yelahanka police limits of Bengaluru.

Four unidentified people came in a car and dragged Chirag into the car while asking for an address when he was on his way to the college. Arkalgud police rescued Chirag who was sitting under a tree on Shanivarsante Road near Arkalgud after a phone call by him. Chirag reportedly alerted the police with phone of a passerby. The police admitted Chirag to a hospital where he is undergoing treatment. The police are suspecting that the kidnappers might have dragged Chirag into the vehicle after spraying some chemical.

EXPRESS READ

Karnataka devotee killed in road mishap

Kurnool: A man from Karnataka was killed in an accident at Tungabhadra Railway Station near Kasapuram village in Mantralayam on Wednesday. Veerabhadra Reddy (40) of Karur village in Siriguppa, Ballari, was an organiser for a group of devotees, who are on the way to Mantralayam by foot. According to the police, a speeding autorickshaw hit the group, killing Reddy and injuring three others. **ENS**

11-yr-old boy kills self over pocket money

Anantapur: A 11-year-old boy allegedly died by suicide at his residence in Kudurpi mandal on Wednesday. According to the police, the child, Golla Bommalingam, was reportedly dejected after his parents did not give him pocket money. According to the police, the victim's parents are daily-wage labourers. They have two daughters and another son. **ENS**

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The Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University is going to conduct its Ph.D. Entrance Test on **07.01.2024** for enrolment in Ph.D. Programme in Forestry. The candidates, who are interested for registration as research scholar for the Ph.D. Degree in Forestry in Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University Dehradun for the term of March 2024 are advised to apply in prescribed form latest by 10.12.2023 with a fee of **Rs.1500/- through Bank Draft** in favor of Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University, Dehradun. The research centre-wise position of seats is shown on website **www.fridu.edu.in** of FRI Deemed to be University. The seats to reserved categories have been earmarked as per clause 5.3.2 of the Ph.D. Ordinance. Out of the published seats 3% seats are reserved for the persons with disabilities as per clause 5.3.2(f) (i) of Ph.D. Ordinance. For eligibility please see clause 3 of the Ph.D. Ordinance available on the website. Six-months Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory course would be conducted only once from February 2024. No application form will be entertained after the prescribed date. **The last date for submission of application form is 10.12.2023. The prescribed form may be downloaded from the website www.fridu.edu.in**
The entrance test would be held either in offline mode at different Research centres of Forest Research Institute deemed to be University or in online mode (Remote Proctored Examination). **In view of present scenario and uncertainties due to COVID-19 the university has the right to cancel the entrance test and adopt alternative mode of admission in order to maintain "social distancing', safety and health of candidates. In this regard the decision of FRI Deemed to be University shall be final.**

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Part-I: KPTCL invites bids vide the below mentioned bid enquiry nos.:

(1) KPTCL/T(W&M)/Mys/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/626 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of **a)** 1 set of 2 x 220 V, 300 AH (with 2 nos. of float and 2 nos. of boost battery charger including control panels, change over arrangement etc., complete along with 2 separate DC Distribution Panel (Indoor) 1I/C + 20 O/G SFU 60A + 20 O/G SFU 30A **b)** 10 Sets of 110 Volts, 100 AH with float cum boost battery charger working on 230 V, 1 Ph AC supply. Required at various sub-stations in Transmission Circle Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including all applicable taxes, insurance and transportation.

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(3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/T(W&M)/Mys/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/624 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 100MVA, 220/66/11KV, ALSTOM Make, Sl No. B-29797 lying at **Madhuvanahalli** 220/66/11KV Substation on total turnkey basis.

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(6) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/T(W&M)/Mys/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/625 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 8 MVA, 66/11kV, SPEC make sl no.ST-31157 lying at 66/11kV **Meghalapura** Substation on total turnkey basis.

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(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SECURITY/23-24/617 dtd: 19.10.2023 for Providing 25 Nos. of Security Personnel to the various Stations and Offices coming under jurisdiction of Hootgalli TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SECURITY/23-24/618 dtd: 19.10.2023 for Providing 23 Nos. of Security Personnel to the various Stations and Offices coming under jurisdiction of Mysuru (NRM), Hebbani & Chamarajanagara TL&SS Divisions, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SECURITY/23-24/619 dtd: 19.10.2023 for Providing 5 Nos. of Security Personnel to the Zonal Office, Prasarana Bhavana, KPTCL, Mysuru

(4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SECURITY/23-24/620 dtd: 19.10.2023 for Providing 5 Nos. of Security Personnel to the Major Works Office & Major works Store Hootgally, KPTCL, Mysuru.

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EDITORIAL

Love is so short, forgetting is so long — Pablo Neruda

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— Ramnath Goenka

UNLISTED FINANCE ADVISORS NEED CLOSER SCRUTINY

THE internet has become a breeding ground for all kinds of quackery—be it in the field of medicine or investment. Unsuspecting investors are falling prey to all kinds of investment advisories coming from self-proclaimed experts who are now called finfluencers. The latest Sebi crackdown on an unregistered finfluencer named Mohammad Nasiruddin Ansari, who owns a trading platform named the Baap of Charts, is just a scratch on the surface. The rot is already quite deep. In a country where financial literacy is low and greed overpowers discipline, the promise of high returns can easily get people excited and ultimately fooled. While the Sebi has been tightening the lasso around unregistered finfluencers, it is a tough task to keep track of every investment advisor.

Trading in equity derivatives is becoming a new investment craze. Armed with fancy investment apps, many people in towns and cities are getting hooked on trading, where they basically bet on which side the market will go. The amount wagered, called premium, is on the likelihood of the market moving in a certain direction. If that does not happen, one may risk losing all the money invested. Investors often take leveraged bets, which means the profit or loss could be in multiples of the amount invested. A Sebi study showed that 80 percent of retail traders lose their money in derivatives trading. Unauthorised finfluencers give trading tips in the guise of providing trading courses. Most of these derivatives trainers claim to have made windfall gains. In several cases, like for Baap of Charts, the trainers actually hid the fact that they had lost money in trading. In the case of Ansari, Sebi found that he lost about ₹3 crore over the last two and a half years—a fact he hid from his investors.

One mutual fund house aptly called the derivatives trading fad as gamification of the equities market in India. People getting sucked into the thrill of derivatives trading often end up losing substantial money, forcing them to take loans to cover the losses. The authorities must step in quickly and increase the monitoring of unregistered finfluencers who make unregulated and unrealistic claims of high profits from trading. Else, we may end up in a situation like that of unauthorised loan apps, which drove many people to take their lives.

CLAIMS OF SELF-DEFENCE NO LONGER LEGITIMATE

THAT a music festival would turn into a macabre battlefield in a long-simmering conflict and serve as *casus belli* for an all-out war was in nobody's wildest dream. That is, nobody barring Hamas's. The militant group shook the world when it attacked innocent revellers in South Israel on October 7 and held several of them hostage. The war that has raged since has already killed almost 10,000 people—a toll that is rising every hour. The Gaza health authorities stated on Monday that the Israeli air and ground attacks had killed 8,306 people, including 3,457 children. The Israeli authorities, on the other hand, have reported the deaths of over 1,400 people, including foreigners and 308 Israeli soldiers, and at least 5,132 wounded. Counting the dead is a morbid exercise in any war—especially in one with no end in sight. The actions on either side have bulldozed all international humanitarian laws on minimising harm to civilians and civilian objects such as homes, shops, schools and medical facilities.

In this war, the vanquished are the civilians—including children, new-borns and several yet-to-borns, who have been blown up even before their first breath of life. Francesca Albanese, a UN special rapporteur to the Occupied Palestinian Territories, recently spoke on the two sides' claims of self-defence: "There was an incursion in Israeli territory that resulted in the killing and brutalisation of Israeli civilians, so those incursions had to be repelled... What Israel is doing now is considered by some [UN] member states legitimate self-defence, which it is not. Because how can it be self-defence—the bombing, the carpet-bombing of an entire population under a very opaque and vague objective of eradicating Hamas?"

The war is now the biggest human tragedy of this 23-year-old century, which has already seen several conflicts. Last year saw the highest number of deaths from conflicts since 1986; this year is set to top that. Conflicts not only kill and maim, they displace people and turn them into refugees. Some 800,000 people have already been pushed south from northern Gaza; the southern Rafah border with Egypt is open just a crack. The Israeli prime minister has ruled out a ceasefire for now. But this war, too, will end. That will be the time to ask, "Who paid the price?" Mahmoud Darwish, the writer of that line, no longer seeks a response.

QUICK TAKE

MAKE POLLUTION A POLL ISSUE

A seven-year study of 12,000 residents of Delhi and Chennai has found links between tiny airborne particles and increased blood sugar levels. This follows a June report that estimated that about 100 million Indians are diabetic and 136 million are pre-diabetic. The link between PM2.5 particles and cardiovascular diseases is already established. The new finding means urban pollution is an even greater health risk and a bigger drain on public resources than we knew. If our politicians cannot seriously tackle pollution in our cities, the levels of which are some of the worst in the world, we need to make it an election issue. We owe it to our future generations.

THE agonising conflict between the once-fraternal communities Kuki-Zo and Meitei in Manipur is at the half-year mark. While the state government remains clueless as ever, and perhaps powerless too, even the scant attention the central government spared for the state is now shifting to Israel and the forthcoming assembly elections in five states—Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Telangana. A resolution to Manipur's despair, it seems, is destined to remain uncertain for longer.

It is also confounding that even to this day, it has never been made clear whether Article 355 has been imposed in the state, though both state and central forces are operating on the ground under a vague and never-elaborated hierarchy of command. Article 355 is an emergency provision of the Constitution just short of President's rule under Article 365. During its imposition, the responsibility of handling law and order in a state deemed to be facing grave threats from external or internal disturbances is placed with the Union government.

Amid this uncertainty, the trauma of those who suffered tragic losses, including the lives of loved ones, displacement from homes, and waning or vanished livelihoods, still remain largely unaddressed. Expectedly, this is also leading to further entrenchment of bitterness among the warring parties. Under this circumstance, even the need to trace the original spark that set off the communal frenzy is fading. Instead, all the empathy bonding that humans are gifted with is also sadly getting overwhelmed by vengeful desires of those caught in the conflict to hurt the hated other even more.

The picture which emerges of this prolonged mayhem is also increasingly becoming a matter of who is telling the story or whose story observers from outside this conflict theatre are choosing to believe. However, this layered nature of truth behind any bitter and prolonged conflict is not new. Cathy Caruth demonstrates this in her book *Unclaimed Experience: Trauma, Narrative and History*. In one of the essays in her book, 'Literature and the Enactment of Memory', she critiques the 1959 documentary classic *Hiroshima, Mon Amour* by Alain Resnais and Marguerite Duras.

Resnais, it seems, initially refused to do this documentary, saying it would be impossible for a documentary film to capture the depth of trauma created by the atomic devastation, but later changed his mind after his condition to introduce two fictional characters in it was agreed to. Of the two characters, one is a girl in Nevers, France, and she falls in love with a German soldier during the German occupation of France. The day France is liberated, her lover gets lynched and mobs humiliate and dehumanise her and her family. Her father also loses a thriving business, leaving them in ruins. Driven to the edge of insanity, the girl attempts suicide and is locked up in the family cellar for months. All the while, her country is in celebration mode. Her moments of extreme despair contrast cruelly with the mass elation in her country. France celebrates again when the atom bombs are dropped on Japan to end the war and the Allied forces emerge as victors. All these somewhat also make her identify her own predicament with that of Hiroshima's.

Healing is slow but when it comes it does so with another dilemma—the onerous burden of remembering and forgetting tugging her in opposite directions. Forgetting the past and the lost loved ones is never easy or guilt-free, but ironically with forgetting also comes liberation from the excruciating and paralysing prison of memories, especially if they are traumatic ones. The inference is that trauma resolution cannot, or should not, be about forsaking the past altogether but about acknowledging the unbridgeable divide between the dead and the living world, and then for the living to find the courage to move on in life. The girl's soliloquy as she recovers is touching: "...I see the daylight. I see my life. Your death. My life that goes on... Oh! It's horrible. I'm beginning to remember you less clearly."

Having reconciled with her fate, the girl, now a woman, is an actress and longs to see Hiroshima. Her opportunity comes through a film project. She meets an ex-Japanese soldier in Hiroshima who, too, carries his own load of traumatic memories. They become intimate friends.

Caruth raises many engaging questions, but to concentrate on just one which has relevance to Manipur's current crisis of truthful representation of deadly conflict, one fine day the woman decides to tour Hiroshima's war sites. When she returns, the Japanese man asks what she saw and she begins with "I saw everything" in exasperation and complete empathy with Hiroshima's agony. Her story is interrupted after each episode by the man dismissing it cynically with "You saw nothing", implying that as a foreigner who was never a subject of the devastation, she can never fully understand the pain in the hearts of victims who lost so much. She says: "I have always wept over the fate of Hiroshima. Always." He replies: "No. What would you have cried about?"

The question Caruth poses here is, whose account of Hiroshima's trauma should be considered truthful history? If the story of the French woman who identifies her own past trauma with that of Hiroshima's and sees its sufferings through this lens is not a truthful history of the agony of the city, should the account by the Japanese man who lost his home, family, childhood memories and more from the same event be considered closer to the truth? Probably yes, but it must be remembered that the Japanese soldier was away from Japan, fighting the war on foreign soil the day Hiroshima was bombed, for if not, he, too, would have been dead. His account therefore is also not first-hand. Where then must the balance be?

Manipur is now struggling to strike this precarious balance between subjective and objective vision in the representation of a tragic development as well as between forgetting and remembering while working towards a reconciliation. Amid this, it is painful to tolerate the naïve cockiness of many watching the conflict from social media gallery seats with patronising pretensions of foreknowledge of what fair representation of Manipur's agony should be.

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Healing is slow and often preceded by painful remembrance. At the half-year mark of its conflict, Manipur can learn from the film *Hiroshima, Mon Amour*

MANIPUR CAUGHT BETWEEN HEALING AND FORGETTING

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THE GAZA THE WORLD CHOOSES NOT TO SEE

KAJAL BASU
Veteran journalist

DO you think Hamas would be removed from the Gaza Strip? Do you know what Hamas is? Hamas is a big movement. Hamas has a military wing and institutions. Hamas has a government which they, of course, shelled and destroyed all the ministries. Hamas has a women's movement, a student movement. It is part of the very fabric of Palestinian life. How are they going to remove it, excuse me? Are they going to kill all these people? And are they going to undermine Hamas in their own people's eyes? No." —Hanan Ashrawi, Palestinian politician and scholar

When overwhelmed by the unending metacrisis in the Levant, there are some people who become my personal confidential informants and voices of wisdom: poets Mahmoud Darwish and Mourid Barghouti, writers Edward Said and Ghassan Hanafani, artists Sliman Mansour and Ayman Al-Husari—and the voice of experience, Hanan Ashrawi.

The idea of Hamas can no more be killed than the idea of India. The formative idea of Hamas was Islam in the service of Palestinian freedom, and there it has remained.

The word Hamas is an acronym for Harkat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya—Islamic Resistance Movement—which shows its clear Islamic inclination. But what Western observers ignore is that Hamas has not segued into Islamic fundamentalism. Israelists have been trumpeting that Hamas is in the mould of the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, the Taliban and Saudi Wahhabism. It goes unmentioned that Hamas's Islamism is more political than religious, "one which gives way to pragmatism over doctrine", as David Maggs wrote in *The History, Politics and Ideology of Hamas* (2011).

In fact, in 2006, after its shock defeat of the Palestinian Authority in the parliamentary election, Hamas declared that while it would be "making efforts so that the *sharia* will be the source of legislation", it had no intention of enforcing strict Islamic law.

And so it has been. Bars flourished in *Medinat Ghazzah* (Gaza City), the urban core of the Gaza Strip; women and men chose to wear Islamic clothing or so-called Mediterreanised Western clothing; there was no proscription on literary consumption; people were openly demonstrative and married for love; there was poetry-reading in the open; there was busking; graffiti as an art form was rife; there was energetic nightlife; there was un-Islamic communism; and there were women smoking in public despite an early Hamas prohibition in 2010 and a rapid walkback.

What the pro-Israel media—I hesitate to use the word 'Zionist' as a focused identifier because Zionism, like Islamism, is a mixed bag—has told us is that Hamas beheads infants and rapes women. The first has been conclusively discredited as a stunning canard, and the second is, weeks into a war in which Israel is trying to dredge deep for proof of sexual transgressions, without evidence.

The Israelists flourish the Hamas manifesto to show that the organisation's credo is Israel's end. But this manifesto was drawn up in 1988 and superseded by another in 2017 with three significant departures. First, it accepted the need for a Palestinian state distinct from Israel, thus conceding Israel's right to exist. Second, it said that it was ranged against "the racist, aggressive, colonial and expansionist" Zionist project but was not against Jews or Judaism. Third, it did away with the antisemitic tone of the 1988 charter. And fourth, it pointedly did not mention the Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood, its mothership.

TWITTER

> Contrary to what the Western eye sees, Gaza is not all about Hamas's brand of Islamic fundamentalism. Before this war, one could take graffiti tours, attend poetry readings, or drink at bars in the bustling city. There was even an energetic metropolitan nightlife

The Israelist media also conflates Hamas with other more hardline but tiny Islamist groups. Way back in 2009, the so-called Jund Ansar Allah (Army of God), with allegiance to al-Qaeda, announced a separate Islamic emirate from its headquarters in Rafah, on the border with Egypt. Hamas killed this movement, thereafter refusing admittance to al-Qaeda and ISIS.

Gaza is also peppered with other groups, some with memberships as small as 100. They are irritating in Gaza's extensive Islamic body politic but remain inutile.

In the new, unplanned world to come, some things are certain. S&P Global has downgraded Israel's outlook from 'stable' to 'negative'. On October 23, Israeli finance minister Bezalel Smotrich, an ardent proponent of a Gaza beatdown, said that the 2023-24 budget was "no longer relevant".

Smotrich put the direct cost of the war at $246 million per day, but there is no accounting for the vast indirect costs yet. The war could be costing the construction sector alone—it is at a standstill—$37 million a day. Before the war, Israel's $500-billion economy was projected to grow at 3 percent. But on October 23, the Bank of Israel trimmed growth prospects to 2.3 percent, introducing the prospect of negative growth for the first time in Israel's history. Even in the coming fiscal, it has whittled down the projected growth from 3 percent to 2.8 percent—which means that it sees the ripple effect of the ongoing crisis as extending over several years. The central bank is also gearing up to sell $30 billion of foreign currency to shore up the shekel, which has, over nearly three weeks since the start of the conflict, dropped 5 percent, totalling a precipitous slide of 15.5 percent in 2023.

Militarily, Israel is exorbitantly throwing rocketry into Gaza, with more expenditure assured. Hamas calculates that Israel has thrown 13,000 tonnes of explosives into Gaza—nearly the equivalent of the Hiroshima bomb. This fast-depleting armoury could leave Israel bare. It is now dependent on the US—which accounts for 16 percent of its arms budget—for basic munitions for the ongoing aerial blitz and the impending ground assault.

The 11-day May 2021 uprising cost Israeli businesses $368 million and Gaza $190 million. This time, it's far worse for both sides. But while Gaza—and Hamas—might be hit, Israel will be hit far worse.

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Murthy advice

Ref: *Don't view Murthy advice from only India Inc angle* (Nov 1). The editorial is well balanced. Yes, India's labour productivity is far less than Japan. But the 70-hour work week is unsuitable for India. In metropolitan cities, travelling from home to office can take hours, not to mention the traffic. Many female employees have family issues to take care of. The working environment in our country is far from satisfactory. Narayana Murthy has lost touch with this reality.
Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

Heart problems

Narayana Murthy's 70-hour work week suggestion will boost productivity but will certainly affect the work-life balance, which is equally important. In fact, a cardiologist said on X, "Such inhumane working hours can create a whole generation with a host of heart-related comorbidities."
R Sivakumar, Chennai

True freedom

Ref: *Closed minds paint all in shades of nationalism* (Nov 1). My appreciation of CP Surendran's thoughts puts him and I in the miniscule 1 percent of the population which knows that true freedom of expression is when one has the freedom to not express every time because he or she understands every point of view. Although I believe that there are many sensible minds and clean souls out there, it is a joy to actually read one.
Krishna Jambur, email

Rahul's reality

Ref: *A conversation across the political divide* (Nov 1). Rahul Gandhi has done some interesting things to project himself as a leader with no motive to gain power. But these falls flat when he believes in the words of Satya Pal Malik. People support the PM due to his innovative ideas for the nation.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Hunger pangs

Ref: *Hunger is real, do not mock it* (Oct 28). It is inconceivable that India is today at 111 out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index. Do hundreds of millions of our children have nothing to eat? What then happens to the subsidised and free foodgrains?
Geetha B K, Kannur

Apple hack

Ref: *Apple hack alert raises govt hackles* (Nov 1). The allegations of state-sponsored attacks on opposition leaders' devices are alarming. The government's probe is welcome. But Apple's denial of involvement and the limited information it has provided raise concerns about the transparency of the investigation. It is important to get to the bottom of this.
Gummalla Sasirekha, Tanuku

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POSTS OF THE DAY

CP Joshi @cpjoshiBJP
Under the Gehlot government, sometimes crores of rupees and gold are found in the offices of the secretariat, and sometimes there is a fire. Government offices are not safe or is everything a mess?

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
With the guarantee of education in English medium for every student, parents of Rajasthan will not have to worry about the future of their children.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The collapse of the bridge inaugurated by the CM in Prayagraj within 10 hours is a serious matter, while the time of Kumbh Mela is approaching.

Day After Apple's warning of a possible attack on iPhones, Opposition leaders step up offensive against Centre

Brittas seeks immediate probe by House panel on IT

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A DAY after several Opposition leaders received a warning from Apple Inc that 'state-sponsored attack' may be trying to compromise their iPhones, Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas, a member of standing committee on information technology (IT), on Wednesday wrote to panel chairman asking him to convene a meeting at the earliest to examine the issue in detail.

Raising concerns of privacy and national security, the CPM MP said the notification is reminiscent of the Pegasus spyware scandal, which targeted voices critical of the ruling dispensation.

The leaders who received the warning messages include TMC's Mahua Moitra, Congress' Shashi Tharoor, KC Venugopal and TS Singh Deo, AAP's Raghav Chadha, CPM's Sitaram Yechury and SP's Akhilesh Yadav. Other IT panel members — Congress' Karti Chidambaram and TMC's Jawahar Sircar — have also written separate letters to the panel head seeking inquiry.

"The gravity of this situation cannot be understated, as it not only raises concerns about the security of personal data but also the potential implications for national security. Given the sensitivity and implications of these shocking reports, I earnestly request you to take immediate action to comprehensively examine the issue by the standing committee as the fundamental rights of citizens are at stake," he wrote.

Violation of privacy

The collection of personal data of individuals, taken without consent, violates the principles of "personal informational privacy", declared as a part of Article 21 of the Constitution by the Supreme Court in its judgment in Justice KS Puttaswamy (Retd) vs Union of India and Ors, John Brittas said.

Brittas was one of the first petitioners to move the Supreme Court seeking a court-monitored probe into the snooping of activists, politicians and journalists when the row over Israeli spyware Pegasus broke out in 2021. The MP pointed out that the panel should also look into the potential involvement of state-supported hackers, their motivations, and the adequacy of existing cyber security measures to protect the privacy and security of mobile phone users.

"I believe that it is within the committee's remit to investigate the nature and credibility of the security threat identified by Apple, the extent of vulnerability of Indian iPhone users to hacking attempts," he said.

The Right to Privacy has been held to be sacrosanct to human existence, he said.

"Recently, in the context of the surveillance software by the name of 'Pegasus', the SC observed that "the right to privacy is directly infringed upon when there is surveillance or spying done on an individual, either by the State or by any external agency," he wrote.

Breach of law, freedom: Mahua

In March 2023, reports stated that the Indian government is ...escalating its budget for spyware contracts to $120 mn

Mahua Moitra, TMC MP

Pegasus

Mahua Moitra said the latest threat is doubly shocking in light of the Pegasus software, sold only to governments and was used to compromise the devices of Opposition members in 2019-21.

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

FLAGGING grave concerns of right to privacy with regards to the snooping row, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday seeking accountability from the concerned authorities into the flagrant breach of law and constitutional freedom.

A political row erupted on Tuesday after several opposition leaders including Moitra, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi and many others received alerts from Apple about "state-sponsored attackers trying to remotely compromise" their iPhones.

Referring to the Pegasus spyware scandal, Moitra said that the latest threat is doubly shocking in light of the Pegasus software — sold only to governments and was used to compromise the devices of various members of the Opposition, dissenting journalists and members of civil society during 2019-2021.

She further said that international organisations like Access Now and Citizen Lab, in September 2023, have confirmed the validity of Apple's threat notifications and lend it enormous credibility. "In March 2023, reports in the Financial Times stated that the Indian government is potentially escalating its budget for spyware contracts to $120 million involving companies like Intellexa Alliance, featured in a report on government spying called 'The Predator Files'," the MP said.

This "illegal surveillance by the government" is the worst attack on fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution, she said.

PM attends key BJP meet to finalise Raj, Telangana candidates

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP's Central Election Committee (CEC), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party chief JP Nadda, met on Wednesday to finalise candidates for the remaining assembly seats in Rajasthan and Telangana. During this two-hour session, they meticulously assessed the electability of each candidate.

After deliberations, the CEC approved approximately 60 out of the 76 candidates considered for Rajasthan. An insider hinted at the potential release of the third Rajasthan candidate list on Thursday, followed by Telangana's lists.

The CEC also entrusted Nadda with the gradual release of candidate lists for the remaining assembly seats in these states. Discussions also covered incumbent MLAs, who would receive tickets for these two states.

Earlier in the day, the BJP held a meeting to shortlist candidates at the party's extension building, attended by Nadda, Amit Shah and other leaders. This meeting preceded the evening CEC meeting at the party headquarters.

For Telangana, 66 names were presented at the CEC meeting, with approximately 55 receiving approval. Rajasthan's 200-member state elections are scheduled for November 25.

Modi also discussed the party's candidate lists for Telangana and other election strategies for the November 30 elections to the 119-member Telangana assembly. So far, the BJP has announced candidates for 53 seats in Telangana. Senior BJP leaders, including Amit Shah and Nadda, shared their perspectives on the candidates at the CEC meeting.

Core CEC members, such as BJP's Telangana in-charge Tarun Chugh and Rajasthan's BJP in-charge Arun Singh, also attended the meeting. The BJP has fielded seven MPs in Rajasthan and three in Telangana for the upcoming elections, aiming to challenge the incumbent governments of Congress and the BRS on grounds of corruption, crimes and development failures.

Modi, Hasina inaugurate 3 key projects

Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Sheikh Hasina inaugurate three development projects virtually on Wednesday | PTI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that Indo-Bangladesh relationship is reaching new heights in various domains. "Our bilateral relations are experiencing exponential growth, and we have accomplished much in the past nine years," Modi said after the joint inauguration of three projects, including two railway initiatives, alongside his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina.

Addressing the occasion virtually, Modi underscored how India's connectivity efforts acted as a lifeline during the Covid-19 pandemic, facilitating the dispatch of 4,000 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen from India to Bangladesh. He also noted that in the last nine years, trade between the two nations has tripled, significantly enhancing their connectivity initiatives. He expressed the joint celebration of the success of India-Bangladesh cooperation.

Rail, energy projects

₹392.52 crore extended to Bangladesh for the Agartala-Akhaura Cross Border Rail Link

A 65-km broad gauge route was constructed under the Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line project

Unit 2 of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant in Bangladesh's Rampal inaugurated

Modi described the inauguration of the India-Bangladesh rail project, the Agartala-Akhaura Cross Border Rail Link, as a 'historic' moment, representing the first rail link between the northeast of India and Bangladesh, solidifying their bilateral relations. Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, speaking at the event, emphasized that the three projects, including two railway ventures, would further bolster infrastructure development collaboration, fostering a stronger bond between the two countries. She also expressed her gratitude to Modi for the warm hospitality extended during her visit for the G20 Summit in September.

Meanwhile, official sources disclosed that India had extended a grant assistance of ₹392.52 crore to Bangladesh for the Agartala-Akhaura Cross Border Rail Link. As part of the Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line, a 65-km broad gauge route was constructed between Bangladesh's Mongla Port and the existing rail network in Khulna. The inauguration of Unit 2 of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant in Bangladesh's Rampal was celebrated as a project under India's development initiatives. The 12.24-km rail project, with 6.78 km in Bangladesh and 5.46 km in Tripura between Nischintapur and Gangasagar, is expected to cut travel time between Agartala and Kolkata via Dhaka.

Bangladesh PM's daughter nominated to WHO position

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's daughter Dr Saima Wazed was nominated as the World Health Organisation's regional director for South-East Asia on Wednesday.

Dr Wazed won against Nepal's candidate Dr Shambhu Acharya, who has been working in the WHO director-general's office since 2013.

Dr Wazed will assume office in February, while her nomination will be submitted to the WHO executive board in a meeting in January.

A trained psychologist, Dr Wazed has been working extensively in the field of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. She has been the chairperson of Bangladesh's National Advisory Committee on Neurodevelopmental Disorders since 2012.

Her predecessor Dr Poonam Khetrapal was the first woman to hold this position and was in office for 10 years, which includes two terms.

Electoral bonds: Selective anonymity may lead to victimisation, says SC

JAISON WILSON @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday said the Centre's electoral bonds scheme "provide (only) selective anonymity... confidentiality" as its purchase records are available with the State Bank of India (SBI) and can be accessed by investigative agencies.

Hearing petitions challenging the legal validity of the electoral bonds scheme for the second day, a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud noted that the problem with the scheme would be if it does not provide a level playing field to political parties and if it suffers from opacity.

Under the Central scheme, which was introduced in the Finance Act, 2017, electoral bonds can be issued or purchased from some authorised branches of the SBI.

A major contention of the petitions against the scheme was that the identity of the donors could never be known to the public. "The problem with the scheme is it provides for selective anonymity. It is not completely anonymous. It provides for selective anonymity, selective confidentiality ... It is not confidential qua the State Bank of India. It is not confidential qua the law enforcement agencies," the top court observed.

The bench also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said that the motive behind the scheme may be perfectly laudable but in an effort to bring in white money into the electoral process, it essentially provides for a "complete information hole".

Justice Khanna said one of the issues was selective confidentiality and it may be easier for the party in power to get the information about the electoral bonds. He said because of selective confidentiality, the opposition parties may not know who the donors are but the donors of the opposition parties may be identified at least by the probe agencies.

In continuation to the earlier arguments that the scheme was confidential in nature, Solicitor General of India (SG) Tushar Mehta, on behalf of the Centre, told the Supreme Court that donations made through electoral bonds are kept anonymous to protect the privacy and political affiliation of the citizens who make such donations to political parties.

The SG said each and every word was very consciously used and what the petitioners have called "anonymity or opaqueness" was neither anonymous nor opaque but was "confidentiality by design".

ALSO IN TOP COURT

'Review same-sex marriage verdict'

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a review of its October 17 verdict, by which a five-judge constitution bench headed by the Chief Justice of India had refused to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage. The review plea by one of the petitioners, Udit Sood, has been filed with the SC registry.

Teesta told to cooperate with cops

A three-judge bench headed by Justice SK Kaul on Wednesday directed activist Teesta Setalvad and her husband Javed Anand to cooperate with Gujarat Police probing a case of an alleged misappropriation of funds against them. The court, however, refused to interfere with the anticipatory bail it had granted Setalvad.

Kozhikode, Gwalior added to Unesco 'creative cities' for literature, music

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

Kozhikode, the coastal city in Kerala, and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, have joined the coveted club of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the 'literature' and 'music' categories respectively.

New cities were acknowledged for their strong commitment to harnessing culture and creativity as part of their development strategies, and displaying innovative practices in human-centred urban planning, the UN body stated.

With the latest additions, the network now has 350 cities in more than 100 countries, representing seven creative fields; crafts and folk art, design, film, gastronomy, literature, media arts and music.

On World Cities Day on Tuesday, 55 cities join UCCN, after their designation by UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay, the statement stated.

"The cities in our Creative Cities Network are leading the way when it comes to enhancing access to culture and galvanising the power of creativity for urban resilience and development," said Azoulay.

Across the world

Some of the other cities that were announced as the latest additions to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network on Tuesday are Asaba (Film/Nigeria), Buffalo City (Literature/US), Bukhara (Crafts and Folk Art/ Uzbekistan), Casablanca (Media Arts/Morocco), Hobart (Literature/Australia), Kathmandu (Film/Nepal), Taif (Literature/Saudi Arabia) and Ulaanbaatar (Crafts and Folk Art/ Mongolia).

Following the declaration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his greetings to people of both the cities.

"India's cultural vibrancy shines brighter on the global stage with Kozhikode's rich literary legacy and Gwalior's melodious heritage now joining the esteemed UNESCO Creative Cities Network. Congratulations to the people of Kozhikode and Gwalior on this remarkable achievement! As we celebrate this international recognition, our nation reaffirms its commitment to preserving and promoting our diverse cultural traditions," read his post on X.

Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy said it is a proud moment. "These cities get acknowledged & recognition for their strong commitment to harnessing culture and creativity. Congratulations to all stakeholders!" he wrote on X.

The newly designated cities will cooperate with Network members to strengthen their resilience in the face of evolving threats such as climate change, rising inequality, and rapid urbanisation, with 68 per cent of the world's population projected to live in urban areas by 2050, said UNESCO.

Navy women train for solo sailing across globe

MAYANK SINGH @ Panjim

ACE sailor Abhilash Tomy has got his task cut out as he is busy mentoring the Indian Navy's women officers' team for a solo circumnavigation voyage for 'Sagar Parikrama'. This will be the fourth edition of the solo circumnavigation voyage of the Navy.

The voyage will see a woman naval officer sail around the world, solo and without stops. The two officers selected from a pool of 17 are lieutenant commander Dilna K, who hails from Kozhikode, and Pondicherry native lieutenant commander Roopa Alagirisamy.

Lieutenant commanders Dilna and Roopa have been undergoing training and each has over 21,000 nautical miles to their name.

Talking to this paper, retired commander Tomy said, "For solo circumnavigation, he or she needs to have all the skills — engineering, sailing, weather monitoring and navigating. I have to really judge them on these terms. From an instructor's point of view, I want them to be like a sponge, absorbing what I say and quickly replicating it."

Retired commander Abhilash Tomy (centre) with lieutenant commanders Dilna K and Roopa Alagirisamy | EXPRESS

Out of two, one officer will embark on the journey

The two women Navy officers selected for training from a pool of 17 are lieutenant commander Dilna K from Kozhikode, and Pondicherry native lieutenant commander Roopa Alagirisamy. The journey is slated for 2024, and only one woman officer will undertake it.

The training is in advanced stages with several short and long voyages lined up in the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and the Indian Ocean.

Indian Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said that there is a perception that solo sailing is not challenging. "Two women officers are under training. Among many, there is a perception that it is not that challenging. But it is not easy. When one actually goes, you see how challenging it is... In a small boat, you get tossed around. Things can break. You can drown. The boat can go down."

"Despite all modern aids, life at sea is something that demands you to be alert and you cannot take it lightly, you have to be very professional. We have to learn how to survive. It is not easy because we are all used to living on land. We are not used to living at sea. It is a completely different domain," Admiral Hari Kumar added.

The journey is slated for 2024, and only one woman officer will undertake it. Sagar Parikrama expeditions are the brainchild of late Vice Admiral MP Awati, considered the father of Indian circumnavigation missions. India now has eight sailors who have circumnavigated the world.

Commander Tomy, the first Indian to successfully finish the Golden Globe Race 2022, was felicitated by Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff on Monday. He created history by finishing second in the Golden Globe Race.

WINTER SESSION

The five-day winter session of the Bihar Legislature, scheduled to begin on November 6, is likely to be stormy as the government will table a report on the recently released caste census.

4 LET — MILITANT ASSOCIATES HELD IN J-K'S BARAMULLA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	22	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	32	16	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	33	20	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	30	17	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	31	27	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	34	24	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	42	23

Tribal seats evoke little interest

EC data shows lowest response when it comes to filing nominations in 29 seats in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh is home to the highest tribal population in the country, yet the scheduled tribes seem to be least enthusiastic when it comes to contesting November 17 assembly elections. As many as 3,832 candidates filed nominations till October 30 – the last date of filing nominations – for the 230 seats in the state, according to the Election Commission statistics.

An analysis reveals that 29 seats showed the lowest response when it came to filing nominations – spanning between six and 10 candidates on each of these seats. Of those 29 seats, 18 (62%) are reserved for ST candidates. These 18 seats form 38% of the 47 seats, which are reserved for ST candidates and are being hotly pursued by all major political parties.

The Gandhwani-ST seat of Bhil and Bhilala tribe-dominated Dhar district has emerged as that seat where the lowest count of individuals – merely six – had filed nominations till October 30. Interestingly, the Congress firebrand tribal leader and ex-MP minister Umang Singhar won the seat in the last three polls. A few months back, Singhar had raised the demand for a tribal CM in the state.

While the Gandhwani-ST seat remains with lowest number of candidates aspiring to become members of the Vidhan Sabha, three other seats of the same tribal-dominated Dhar district (Dhar neighbours state's most populated and India's cleanest city Indore) feature among other seats with lowest number of aspiring candidates. While the Dharampuri-ST and Sardarpur-ST seats of Dhar district saw just seven candidates filing nominations, even the unreserved Badnawar seat of the same western MP district, currently represented by the Jyotiraditya Scindia-loyalist minister Rajyavardhan Singh Dattigaon, too, reported only 10 candidates submitting their nominations.

The other ST reserved seats, which have seen minimum number of nominations include Bagli-ST and Bhikhangaon-ST (each saw seven individuals submitting their nominations), Barwani-ST, Alirajpur-ST, Niwas-ST (from where six-time BJP MP and Union minister Faggan Singh Kulasate is in fray) and Beohari-ST, all reporting nominations by eight candidates each. In Ratlam Rural-ST, Rajpur-ST (held currently by ex-home minister and third-time Congress MLA Bala Bachchan), Bhagwanpura-ST, Timarni-ST, Shahpura-ST seats and Anuppur-ST (held by turncoat politician and MP minister Bisahulal Singh), nine aspiring lawmakers have filed nomination forms with the poll authorities.

A total of 10 candidates have filed nominations from Pandhana-ST and Jaisinghnagar-ST seats of western and eastern MP, respectively.

MP Battle 2023
230
TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS
Not many candidates have filed nominations from tribal seats
NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS ON OCTOBER 30 : 3,832
29 seats have only 6-10 candidates
Of these 29, 18 are ST seats
No of ST seats: 47
Gandhwani-ST seat in Dhar district has just 6 contestants
Dharampuri, Sardarpur, Bhikhangaon and Bagli seats have 7 nominations; Barwani, Alirajpur and Niwas have 8
Ratlam Rural, Rajpur, Bhagwanpura, Shahpura and Anuppur have 9 contestants; Pandhana & Jaisinghnagar, 10
ALL ST SEATS

Worry over rebels remains

With a day left for withdrawal of nominations for November 17 polls, rebellion continued to be a major worry for both the ruling BJP and the Congress. The BJP has a task on its hands to convince at least 33 rebels (who've filed nominations as independents), while Congress will have to persuade at least 35 candidates to drop out of poll race before Thursday.

If BJP wins, will ensure safety of women: Yogi in Raj

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday visited Rajasthan's Alwar district and held a public rally in support of BJP candidate from Tijara Baba Balaknath. Yogi Adityanath raked up the Gaza issue and remarked, "The world is watching as Israel takes strong measures to counter the Taliban mentality. Precisely, hit the target, hit."

He also commented on the Congress candidate, saying, "I have heard that the Congress nominee for Tijara assembly constituency often boasts about himself. The solution to the Taliban mentality is Bajrangbali mace. We are witnessing how Israel is currently working to suppress the Taliban mentality in Gaza."

Congress has fielded a Muslim candidate, Imran Khan, in Tijara to contest against Baba Balak Nath. Yogi Adityanath emphasised on the detrimental impact of mixing vote bank politics with anarchy, hooliganism and terrorism on society. He stated, "Anarchy, hooliganism and terrorism are the gravest threats to a civilized society. When these issues blend with vote bank politics, they affect the lives of innocent individuals, women, businessmen, and the entire society. I commend the work of PM Modi."

The UP CM reassured the audience that a BJP government would ensure the safety of sisters and daughters, saying, "If the BJP comes to power, our sisters and daughters will feel secure. A Congress victory would pave the way for a Talibani mentality to dominate and perpetrate crimes against women, businessmen, and property."

Yogi also criticised the Gehlot government for its perceived appeasement politics, accusing them of supporting cow smugglers and damaging temples. His speech was tailored to appeal to voters in Tijara, where Congress has fielded a Muslim candidate against Baba Balaknath, and where incidents of cow lynching have occurred in recent years.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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New BJP head can disturb caste calculations

With Assembly elections slated for next year in Haryana, besides Lok Sabha polls, BJP replaced its state president Om Prakash Dhankhar with Kurukshetra MP Nayab Singh Saini, who belongs to OBC. However, according to sources, the decision has not gone down well within the party ranks as it is likely to further "alienate the Jat community," who are powerfull and comprise 25% of the state population. Outgoing head Dhankar is a Jat leader and his predecessor Subash Barala also belonged to the same community. Several MLAs fear that the appointment might disturb caste equation and cost dear to the BJP in the state where CM is a non-Jat.

Cong MLA leaves no stone unturned to reach top

A recent seminar held at the Panjab University on the SYL canal issue turned out to be an unpleasant experience for Congress. With Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa and Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring giving a miss, Congress MLA Pargat Singh, a former Indian hockey team captain, took the opportunity to project himself as a voice of Congress. Among the attendees were former chief minister and Dalit leader Charanjit Singh Channi and Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar. They both spoke over the decades-old issue with neighbouring Haryana.

Punjab ministers asked to campaign in Haryana

Punjab Cabinet ministers have been asked to take the charge of Lok Sabha campaign in Haryana which has 10 seats as CM Bhagwant Mann is occupied in the ongoing campaign for Assembly polls in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram. According to sources, the party is chalking out the strategy to reach the Haryana voters. Free power, better health services and quality education could find a mention in the party's promises for Haryana, sources said, adding that the party believes Punjab leaders can take the message strongly in the neighboring Haryana. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, all 10 seats of the state went into the BJP's kitty.

Team had designed engine with live bacterium

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IN the current study, the team mimicked the functioning of a conventional heat engine at the micron scale. Instead of using a mix of gas and fuel, the team used a tiny gel-like colloidal bead and used a laser beam to direct its motion, similar to how the piston works in a macroscopic engine.

The team members also used a rapidly changing electric field to cycle the engine between two states. Under these conditions, they found that the waste heat dispersed drastically reduced, bringing the efficiency close to 95% of the limit specified by Carnot. "What we have achieved is a reduction in heat distribution time through the introduction of the electric field. This reduction in heat distribution time allows the engine to operate at high efficiency and simultaneously yield a large power output even while operating at high speeds," Krishnamurthy said.

Previously, the team designed a high-power engine that used a live bacterium to push the particle and power the system. This time, the researchers replaced the bacterium with an electric field to move the particle more efficiently in the colloidal medium.

Minister must fight legal battle on his own, says Didi in changed tune

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AFTER screaming blue murder on the day the Enforcement Directorate raided Trinamool Congress minister Jyotipriya Mallick's residence last week, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday sought to build distance from Mallick, who is an accused in a ration scam. Though she highlighted the initiatives taken during Mallick's tenure as the food and supplies minister for a decade, Mamata made it clear that her lieutenant would have to fight his legal battle on his own.

"Or aainer lorai okei lorte hobe (He will have to fight his legal battle on his own)," said Mamata at the secretariat.

Mallick was the food and supplies minister from 2011 to 2021 before taking charge of the forest department. "During his tenure as minister, one crore fake ration cards, which were issued during CPI(M)'s regime, were disapproved and digitisation of ration card was introduced. Besides, the food and supplies department started procuring paddy directly from farmers. Green revolution literally took place during Mallick's tenure," she said.

Mamata's latest stance is at variance with her position on the day the ED raided Mallick's. She had then said she would lodge an FIR against the BJP and the probe agency if anything happens to the minister, who has high blood sugar.

Significantly, her nephew and second-in-command of the party Abhishek Banerjee, these days speaks about the new TMC where corruption has no room.

Taking a jibe at Mamata lauding direct paddy procurement from farmers, Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari alleged that hundreds of crores of rupees were siphoned off in the process. He requested the ED to look into it.

"As my reliable sources within the Department confirm that more than 60 per cent of them are fake," Adhikari wrote on his X handle.

Cong fields new face as BJP sits pretty in Raman Singh's home turf

EJAZ KAISER @ Rajnandgaon

IN the wake of the significant setback faced by the BJP in the 2018 Assembly elections, where they managed to secure only 15 out of 90 seats, one might have expected the "Raman effect" to wane. However, this phenomenon remained prominently visible in the Rajnandgaon assembly constituency, situated approximately 80 kilometres west of Raipur.

The BJP, continues to maintain a sense of optimism in this region, where Ayurvedic doctor-turned-politician Dr Raman Singh faces little to no challenge from the Congress. Rajnandgaon, with a population that leans more towards urban living than rural, offers a favorable backdrop for incumbent.

The Congress, in its bid to secure victory, has fielded Girish Dewangan, a new face in the political arena, with hopes of appealing to the rural population and leveraging the perceived "achievements" of the Bhupesh Baghel government to sway the voters in their favor. Nevertheless, Dewangan's status as an outsider has led to apparent resentments among local party leaders who harbored aspirations of securing the party ticket.

In this bipolar political landscape, the scope for a third-party influence is quite limited. Dr Raman Singh, despite maintaining a low profile following his party's defeat in the Chhattisgarh Assembly polls, appears to maintain an edge in terms of voter sentiment. The assumption that he was the chief minister for 15 years and is a humble politician from the region still holds sway.

BJP's Abhishek Singh and Congress candidate Girish Dewangan in Rajnandgaon

Constituency WATCH RAJNANDGAON

While the "self-assured" former CM predominantly focuses on state-wide affairs and spends most of his time at the party headquarters in Raipur, his son Abhishek Singh and BJP leader Madhusudan Yadav, both former MPs from the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha seat, have taken on the responsibility of managing the election campaign and rallying support for Singh, who is contesting for the fourth time.

Abhishek Singh asserts, "Not just Rajnandgaon, but the people of Chhattisgarh are yearning for a change, as the Congress government is mired in massive corruption and has stalled all development works." The campaign rhetoric is often dominated by personal attacks, corruption allegations, comparisons of the achievements of the previous BJP government with those of the Congress, rather than addressing local concerns such as infrastructure, healthcare, education and other basic needs.

Punjab Oppn leaders skip open debate called by Mann, term it 'Maha-Drama'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

OPPOSITION parties in Punjab, including the Congress, have boycotted an open debate organised by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to address state-related issues, branding it a "Maha-Drama." The BJP has criticised it as a government-sponsored event. Chief Minister Mann defended the debate, asserting that it required courage to invite the opposition and that they had ample time to prepare their arguments.

Prominent opposition figures, such as Partap Singh Bajwa of the Congress, Sukhbir Singh Badal of the Shiromani Akali Dal, and Punjab BJP Chief Sunil Jakhar, declined to attend the debate held at Punjab Agriculture University in Ludhiana. Mann, who had challenged leaders from various parties for the discussion, was left alone on the stage as opposition leaders decided to skip the event. Attendees, including farmers and teachers, were denied entry and detained when they protested.

Mann accused Congress leaders of supporting the Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal through a white paper in the early 1980s, which he deemed a shameful act. He pointed out that while the Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 is used nationwide to resolve water disputes, Punjab is the only state with a separate water distribution arrangement outlined in the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

According to Mann, this reflects the Union government's historical discrimination against Punjab.

Mann also highlighted the 1976 decision by then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to divide Ravi-Beas waters between Punjab and Haryana in a 50:50 ratio, which he said was against Punjab's interests. He accused former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal of failing to halt the construction of SYL and even requesting additional funds for it.

Bajwa criticised Mann's last-minute topic change for the debate and the unequal distribution of passes for attendees. He accused Mann of disregarding opposition parties and failing to address Punjab's water concerns.

Cong supporting Satluj Yamuna Link canal

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J&K HC issues fresh guidelines on arrests, bail

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has issued guidelines regarding the arrest, detention, and bail of individuals accused in criminal cases with a punishment of up to seven years of imprisonment, along with or without a fine. The court advised police officers not to automatically arrest individuals under Section 498-A of the IPC and to carefully assess necessity for arrest based on the parameters outlined in Section 41 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

These guidelines align with the Supreme Court's directives in the Md. Asfak Alam v. State of Jharkhand case, emphasising the importance of avoiding unnecessary arrests. Both the governments of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territory have been instructed to ensure that arrests under Section 498-A of the IPC 1860 are based on valid reasons as defined in Section 41 of CrPC.

The guidelines mandate that police officers be equipped with checklists detailing sub-clauses under Section 41(1)(b)(ii), which they must fill out when making arrests. They should provide reasons justifying the arrest when presenting the accused before the Magistrate for further detention. The magistrate can only grant authorisation after reviewing the report provided by the police officer and being satisfied with the grounds for detention.

If an accused is not to be arrested, this decision must be communicated to the magistrate within two weeks from the date of case registration, with a copy sent to the magistrate. The superintendent of police may extend this timeline with documented reasons. Failure to adhere to these directions may result in departmental action and punishment for contempt of court for the police officers.

It's crucial to understand that these guidelines are not restricted to cases under Section 498-A of the IPC or Section-4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act but apply to cases where the offense is punishable with imprisonment for up to seven years, with or without a fine.

Pulwama house where encounter took place in Feb 2019 attached

In 2019, bomber killed 40

On February 24, 2019, a gunfight took place in a house in Turigam, Kulgam in which 3 Jaish militants including two Pakistanis were killed. It took place 10 days after Jaish suicide bomber had rammed the explosive-laden car with a CRPF convoy at Lethpora, Pulwama in which 40 paramilitary personnel were killed.

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SENDING a strong message to people not to provide shelter to militants in their houses, the police on Wednesday attached a residential house in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, where an encounter happened in February 2019 in which a police DySP and an army man were killed.

The police attached the residential house of one Sanaullah Mir son of Mohammad Abdullah Mir at Turigam, Kulgam in south Kashmir after obtaining legal sanction from the competent authorities (Divisional Commissioner Kashmir), said an official.

"The house was linked in case FIR No.10/2023 U/S 302, 307 RPC, 7/27 A act, 13,16,18,19 ,20, 38, 39 UAPA in which three hard-core terrorists and DySP Aman Kumar Thakur and an army man Soumveer were killed," he said.

On February 24, 2019, a fierce gunfight took place in a house in Turigam, Kulgam in which three Jaish militants including two Pakistanis were killed. In the gunfight, DySP Aman Thakur and an army jawan were also killed and a major and four army men injured.

The encounter had taken place 10 days after Jaish suicide bomber had rammed the explosive-laden car with a CRPF convoy at Lethpora, Pulwama in which 40 paramilitary personnel were killed and over a dozen injured.

MORE STRIKES HIT GAZA REFUGEE CAMP

RAFAH

THE Jabalia camp suffered a second strike in as many days on Wednesday, with AFPTV images showing major damage and rescuers clawing through rubble to extract blood-stained casualties. The Hamas-run government in Gaza claimed Israeli airstrikes have hit apartment buildings in the camp near Gaza City.

Communications and internet services were gradually being restored after the second major cut in five days, according to Paltel, the main service provider. Humanitarian aid agencies have warned that such blackouts severely disrupt their work in an already dire situation in Gaza. A spokesman for Israeli military told AFP that 15 of its soldiers have been killed fighting in Gaza since Tuesday. Israeli troops have been fighting Hamas militants on the ground since Friday, backed by heavy air strikes which have killed multiple civilians in the Palestinian territory.

Lebanon's caretaker prime minister said Wednesday that time is of the essence in stopping the Hamas-Israel war from 'going out of control' and affecting Lebanon and the wider region. Najib Mikati has been scrambling with international governments to keep Lebanon away from the war, as militants from the Hezbollah group and Israeli troops have been clashing along the tense Lebanon-Israel border since the onset of the war on Oct. 7. The clashes so far have mostly been limited to areas along the border.

People walk amid the ruins on Wednesday after Israeli strike on the Jabalia camp for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip | AFP

His comments come days before Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah is scheduled to give his first speech since the start of the war. Lebanon is experiencing political paralysis and economic turmoil, leaving many worried of the consequences of a fully fledged war in the crisis-hit country. He condemned both Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon and attacks in the blockaded Palestinian Gaza Strip.

"A humanitarian cease-fire for five days is necessary, where there can be active international talks to secure prisoner swaps and reach a permanent truce in order to reach an agreement on the conditions for regional peace," Mikati said before a government meeting. *Agencies*

Afghans detained as Pak begins crack down on illegal immigrants

Afghan refugees gather their belongings atop a bus as they prepare to depart the Karachi bus terminal in Sindh province on Wednesday | AFP

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTANI security forces on Wednesday rounded up, detained and deported dozens of Afghans who were living in the country illegally, after a government-set deadline for them to leave expired.

The sweep is part of a new anti-migrant crackdown that targets all undocumented or unregistered foreigners, according to Islamabad, though it mostly affects some 2 million Afghans, who are in Pakistan without documentation.

The crackdown has drawn widespread criticism from U.N. agencies, rights groups and the Taliban-led administration in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's interior minister confirmed that the deportations have begun. "Today, we said goodbye to 64 Afghan nationals as they began their journey back home," Interim Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.

"This action is a testament to Pakistan's determination to repatriate any individuals residing in the country without proper documentation."

The authorities said Wednesday's sweeps took place in the port city of Karachi, the garrison city of Rawalpindi, and in various areas in the southwestern Baluchistan and northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, which border Afghanistan. On Tuesday, thousands of Afghans had crammed into trucks and buses and headed to the two key border crossings to return home to avoid arrest and forced deportation.

According to the UN agencies, there are more than 2 million undocumented Afghans in Pakistan, at least 6,00,000 of whom fled after the Taliban takeover in 2021. Human Right Watch on Tuesday accused Pakistan of resorting to "threats, abuse, and detention to coerce Afghan asylum seekers without legal status" to return to Afghanistan. *PTI*

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II
O. A. No. 1372/ 2022
In the Matter of
Between: Canara Bank, Sampangirama Nagar Branch, Bangalore – 560 058 **...Applicant**
And
Mr. N. Asokan S/o. K. Natarajan, No. 296, 1st Floor 5th Main, 2nd Cross, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 034. **...Defendant**
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE RULES OF 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.50,54,008/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand and eight only), as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs. You are hereby requested to show cause within 30 days of the publication of Summons/notice or on **29.02.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the 09th day of October 2023.
By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bengaluru

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e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
File No.-CE/R&B/ACCTS-30/23/3710 Dt.27/10/23
Name of the Work: Special repair of JB/JC qtrs in port township. Estimated cost: **Rs.3,81,10,678.98.** Last Date & time of submission of bid: **20.11.2023 upto 18:00 Hrs.,**
Refer our Website for details: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**
Sd/-Executive Engineer
Roads & Building Divsion
PPA/PR/56/2023-2024 dtd.01.11.2023

KERALA STATE CENTRE FOR ADVANCED PRINTING AND TRAINING
Head Office Complex,
Vattiyoorkavu, Thiruvananthapuram
Ph: 2365678, 2365415
CAPT/1385/2023-O2 (OUTSOURCE)
e-TENDER NOTICE
2 Cover e-tenders (Tender No.133/23-24) are invited from the leading printing presses to undertake printing and supply of **Multicolour Brochure**, through online vide e-Tender id. 2023_CAPT_617513_1 Due date & Time of tender / bid submission (online) 06.11.2023 up to 10.00 AM. For detailed information log on the website:https://etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.captkerala.com.
01.11.2023 Sd/-, MD, C-apt

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भाग II—खण्ड 3—उप-खण्ड (ii)
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No. 4432] NEW DELHI, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023/ASVINA 28, 1945

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 20th October, 2023

S.O. 4606(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act,1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH766C in the stretch of land from Km 56.00 to Km 86.00 (Baindoor - Ranebennur section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Assistant Commissioner Sagar Sub Division Sagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

SCHEDULE: Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 56.00 to Km 86.00 (Baindoor - Ranebennur section) of NH766C in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA			District: SHIVAMOGGA		
S.No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Hosanagara					
Village: L-Guddekoppa					
1	89	Private	Wet	1660.706 (Square Meter)	0.166071
2	Halla	Government	Kharab	230.401 (Square Meter)	0.0230401
Village: Tenkabylu					
3	13	Private	Wet	1135.028 (Square Meter)	0.113503
Village: Sutta					
4	Halla	Government	Kharab	2730.84 (Square Meter)	0.273084
Village: Ganganakoppa					
5	13	Government	Wet	2206.245 (Square Meter)	0.220624
6	19	Private	Wet	83.828 (Square Meter)	0.0083828
7	2	Government	Wet	77.844 (Square Meter)	0.0077844
8	3	Private	Wet	45.538 (Square Meter)	0.0045538
9	52/1B1	Private	Wet	1857.24 (Square Meter)	0.185724
10	52/4	Private	Wet	391.789 (Square Meter)	0.0391789
11	55	Private	Wet	204.5163 (Square Meter)	0.0204516
12	6/1	Private	Wet	181.3349 (Square Meter)	0.0181335
13	64	Private	Wet	518.43 (Square Meter)	0.051843
14	65	Private	Wet	260.63 (Square Meter)	0.026063
15	67	Government	Wet	72.302 (Square Meter)	0.0072302
16	68	Private	Wet	114.118 (Square Meter)	0.0114118
17	69	Private	Wet	181.391 (Square Meter)	0.0181391
18	7	Government	Wet	1176.478 (Square Meter)	0.117648
19	74	Government	Wet	32.758 (Square Meter)	0.0032758
20	83	Government	Kharab	1116.64 (Square Meter)	0.111664
Village: Kallur(Hosanagar)					
21	136	Government	Kharab	1650.993 (Square Meter)	0.165099
22	138	Common (Private / Government)	Wet	4300.346 (Square Meter)	0.430035
23	213	Private	Wet	496.38 (Square Meter)	0.049638
24	220	Private	Wet	2689.667 (Square Meter)	0.268967
Village: Hebburli					
25	51	Common (Private / Government)	Wet	33009.04 (Square Meter)	3.3009
26	80	Private	Wet	665.059 (Square Meter)	0.0665059
Village: Hosuru					
27	43&Halla	Government	Kharab	5027.09 (Square Meter)	0.502709
Village: Audugodi					
28	74	Government	Kharab	19643.49 (Square Meter)	1.96435
29	75	Private	Wet	109.556 (Square Meter)	0.0109556
30	79	Government	Kharab	14876.85 (Square Meter)	1.48769
				Total	9.6746555

[F. No. RW/BNG/NH-766C/Km.56-86/13/2021/1672/3A]
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, **Mrs. MUZAKIRUNNISA** is intended to purchase below schedule property from **Smt. R. NAGAMANI**, if any have objections kindly give objection within 7 days through Mail ID : **mahgis6078@gmail.com** & Contact **No. 9845000629.**
SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No.4, (Earlier Half Southern of Southern side property No.4), House List No.9/1, formed in Sy No.9/1, BBMP Khatha No.4/9/1, situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike-Ward No.189, measuring **East to West** 46 Feet and **North to South** 30 Feet, totally measuring 1380 feet, together with all rights, appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Property No.3, **South by :** Private Property.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION
ELECTRICAL GENERAL DEPARTMENT
GEM Tender Notice No. GEM/2023/B/4129765
Dated: 30.10.2023
Name of Work: Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division - Investment Grade Energy Audit (IGEA) at identified Railway buildings having connected load of 30 KVA & above; Value of work : ₹ **6,10,532/-**; Bid Security: ₹ **12,200/-**; Tender Document Cost: **Nil**; Tender Closing Date: **24.11.2023**; Details of the tender are available at **www.gem.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / General / Thiruvananthapuram
Follow us on : twitter.com/GMSRailway

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that our client has entered into agreement of sale for purchase of the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its Owner **Mr. N. GURUDATTA** S/o. late Narayan Rao, aged 48 years, R/at No.6/1, 2nd Main, Dattatraya Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru-85.
Any person/s having / claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect of the schedule property may claim the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary proof in support of such claim **within 15 days.** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will be advised to proceed with the sale transactions, as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing vacant Site No.188/A, in Sy. No.6/1 and 6/2, situated at Hosakere Halli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bearing BBMP Khata No.1085/1, 188/6/1, 6/2, totally measuring about 14690 Sq.ft out of which the proposed site bearing No.1, as per the plan, measuring East to West: 50 feet, North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq. feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road **West by:** Proposed Site No.3 and 20ft Road **North by:** Proposed Site No.2 **South by:** Remaining portion of same Sy. No. and Private Building
A. RAJESH Advocate,
No.16, 6th Main, Gandhinagar
Bengaluru-560 009. Mobile No.98860 83084

NOTICE
The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India) has accorded the Enviornmental Clearance for the Proposed Educational Institute at Survey No.s 2, 180, 198, 199 & 200 of Bheemanakuppe Ramasagara Village, Kengeri Hobli, Kengeri, Bengaluru by M/s. Indian Institute for Human Settlements, No.197/36, 2nd Main Road, Sadashivangar, Bengaluru-560080 vide letter No. SEIAA 119 CON 2023 dated 24th August 2023.
The said copy of Environmental Clearance is available with the KSPCB and in the website of the Environment and Ecology Department at **http://seiaa.kar.nic.in**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby cautioned and informed to take notice that a Power of Attorney bearing Regn. No. 426/23-24 Dated : 26-10-2023 executed in favour of U. Nisar Ahamad Son of Late U. Abdul Azeez, resident of No. E-83, 6 "A" Cross, Manyatha residency, Manyatha tech. Park, Rachenahalli, Bangalore - 560045 has been with effect immediate revoked and terminated by legal notices and this paper publication is taken out to inform public about the revocation of the Power of Attorney executed by Mr. Tauseef Ahmed B. Son of Mr. B.A. Saleem, resident of Plot No.15/1, Ward No.30, Rahimabad colony, Cantonment, Ballari in favour of U. Nisar Ahamad in respect of the schedule mentioned property.
Whosoever enters into any contract / agreement / arrangement or registered document with respect to the below mentioned schedule property are hereby informed no rights are conveyed, transferred in respect of the schedule mentioned property since, the power of attorney has been cancelled, terminated and revoked with immediate effect.
If, in spite of such revocation / communication by legal notice that is addressed to Nisar Ahmad, any such documentation has transpired, the same is not in accordance with law which is illegal and abinitio, void and as it to be treated as null and void and my clients namely; Mr. Tauseef Ahmed referred in this paper publication reserves their right to take proceedings which is inclusive of civil and criminal.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the residential site / plot bearing No. 11, forming a portion of House List Khatha No. 332/A Assessment Nos. 83/4 and 84/1, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and now coming within the limits of Byatarayanapura City, Municipal council and bearing Khatha No.11, PID No. 283/393/83/4, 84/1-11, ward No.24, HBR Layout, Bangalore and bounded on the, East by : Property bearing No.10, West by : Road, North by : Property bearing No.12, South by : Private Property. Measuring East by : 37.9 feet, West by : 36.3 feet, North by : 62 feet, South by : 62 ft and totally measuring in all 2294 square feet.
Sd/- **D. Mahendranath,** Advocate No.86, Krishnamachari Compound, Ballari - 583 101.
E-mail : mahendranathd93@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XI ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT) BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU.
MISC. PETN. No. 11/2023
BETWEEN: M/s. Nikit Estates Pvt. Ltd., **...PETITIONER**
AND: Sri. Thathappa Reddy & Ors. **...RESPONDENTS**
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT Nos. 1-20 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
WHEREFORE, the Petitioner has filed the above captioned miscellaneous Petition is filed seeking to set aside the Order dated 22/11/2022 passed by this Hon'ble Court in Comm. O.S. No. 386/2020 thereby dismissing the suit filed by me for default
In this Misc Petition, summons issued through the court process and RPAD are returned unserved to the Respondent Nos. 1-20 i.e.,
1.Sri Thathappa Reddy S/o Late Munishamappa Aged about 73 years. **...RESPONDENT No.1**
2. Smt. Laxmi Devi W/o. Sri Thathappa Reddy, Aged about 68 years, **...RESPONDENT No.2**
3. Sri. Jaideep S/o. Sri Thathappa Reddy, Aged about 39 years, **...RESPONDENT No.3**
4. Smt. Ashwini D/o. Sri Thathappa Reddy, Aged about 34 years, **...RESPONDENT No.4**
5. Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy, S/o. Late Munishamappa, Aged about 69 years **...RESPONDENT No.5**
6. Smt. Ramadevi, W/o. Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy, Aged about 66 years **...RESPONDENT No.6**
7. Sri. Vasudev V S/o Sri Venkataswamy Reddy Aged about 41 years **...RESPONDENT No.7**
8. Smt. Sadguni V D/o Sri Venkataswamy Reddy, Aged about 38 years **...RESPONDENT No.8**
9. Sri. Muni Reddy S/o Late Munishamappa Aged about 67 years **...RESPONDENT No.9**
10. Smt. Padma W/o Sri Muni Reddy Aged about 64 years **...RESPONDENT No.10**
11. Smt. Kumudha D/o Sri Muni Reddy Aged about 36 years **...RESPONDENT No.11**
12. Smt. Sudha M D/o Sri Muni Reddy Aged About 34 years **...RESPONDENT No.12**
13. Sri. Ramakrishna M S/o Late Munishamappa Aged about 64 Years **...RESPONDENT No.13**
14. Smt. Radhamma R W/o Sri. Ramakrishna. Aged about 62 Years **...RESPONDENT No.14**
15. Smt. Roopashree R D/o Sri. Ramakrishna Aged about 34 years **...RESPONDENT No.15**
16. Sri. Mariprasad R S/o Sri Ramakrishna Aged about 30 years **...RESPONDENT No.16**
17. Sri. B. M. Nagaraj Reddy S/o Late Munishamappa Aged about 62 years. **...RESPONDENT No.17**
18. Smt. Shylaja W/o Sri. B.M. Nagaraja Reddy Aged about 60 years **...RESPONDENT No.18**
19. Sri. Punith S/o Sri. B. M. Nagaraja Reddy Aged about 36 Years **...RESPONDENT No.19**
Respondent No. 1 to 19 are residing at. Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560 068.
20. ISR Construction Pvt. Ltd A Company incorporated under the Provisions of Companies Act, 1956 Office No. 1-6-34/1, Plot No. 65 Anupuram Kapra ECIL, Hyderabad-500 062 Also at:ISR Constructions Pvt. Ltd. No.245, "ISR Nirmal Pride" 1st Floor, 19th Main, Sector 4, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560102 Rep by one of its Managing Director Sri K. Indrasena Reddy S/o K. Sudarshan Reddy Aged about 39 years **...RESPONDENT No.20**
THEREFORE, the above said Respondent Nos. 1-20 are called upon to appear before this Court in person or through a Pleader/Advocate on **17/11/23 day at 11:00 A.M.** to place on record any objection, failing which will be placed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 27/10/2023
By Order of the Court,
Sd/- Sheristedar
X Addl. District & Sessions Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER
ABHISHEK ACHAIAH
KAR/3789/2023
Sanctum Law 004&005, Raheja Chambers, Museum Road, Bangalore -560001
PH-8904452123

PUBLIC NOTICE
In the Court of the 3rd.Additional Sr.Civil Judge, Vapi.
H.M.P.No. 9/2021
Fixed On : 7 /11/2023
Exh - 11
Applicant : Rahul Kumar Gunvantrai Shah
Resi : 247, Najabhai Road, Near S.B.P.P Bank, Vapi, Ta. Vapi, Dist. Valsad
V/s.
Oppenent : Jyotiben Rahul Shah
Resi : 192, Hoshcary Gali, Belgam, Ta. Dist. Belgam-590003
Whereas above named applicant has Instituted a HMP against you Oppenent for Application under section 13(1)B For Divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act-1955
You Oppenent hereby notice to appear in this Court, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material question relating to the HMP, or who shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions, on the 7th day of November 2023, at 10/30 a.m. in the morning the answer the claim, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the HMP, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to relay in support of your defence.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the HMP will be heard and determined in your absence.
Give under my hand and seal of the court on 26th day or October 2023.
Prepared by (C.N.Patel)
Assistant 3rd.Addl.Sr.Civil Court, Vapi.
Compare by (D. R.Patel)
Head Clerk 3rd.Addl.Sr.Civil Court, Vapi.
Registrar, Principal Sr.Civil Court, Vapi.

GOVT. OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE CIRCLE, UNIT-8, BHUBANESWAR-751012
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. ACEDC-BBSR-03/2023-24
A-737 email ld-edrainagebbsr12@gmail.com

1.	Total number of Packages	:	4 nos. of work as mentioned below.
2.	Name of Works	:	**1.** Improvement to storm water drainage system of Durgabazaar Nalla passing through Daspalla Smart Park outfalling to Kuanria River in Daspalla Constituency. **2.** Improvement to storm water drainage system of Balaram Drainage Channel passing through Ward-II and Ward-III of Nayagarh town under Nayagarh Constituency. **3.** Improvement to link drains of Nandini (Andhuni) Nalla and its structures under Hinjili Assembly Constituency in Ganjam District. **4.** Renovation of Nuanai-CR cut Drainage System with structures under Puri Sadar Block, DOAB- VI.
3.	Estimated Cost	:	1. Rs.3,79,40,714.00, 2. Rs.4,90,87,571.00 3. Rs.3,65,89,015.00 4. Rs. 2,40,99,323.00
4.	Bid Identification No.	:	1) ACEDC-BBSR/DD-KHR-07/2023-24 2) ACEDC-BBSR/DD-KHR-08/2023-24 3) ACEDC-BBSR/DD-BAM-09/2023-24 4) ACEDC-BBSR/DD-PURI-10/2023-24
5.	Period of completion	:	11 (Eleven) Calendar months for each work.
6.	Class of Contractor.	:	As per DTCN
7.	Date and time of availability of Bid Document in the portal.	:	04.11.2023,11.00 Hours to 18.11.2023,17.00 Hours.
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	:	20.11.2023 at 11.00 hours in the O/O the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar
9.	Date and time of receipt of Bids in the portal.	:	04.11.2023, 11.00 Hours to 18.11.2023, 17.00 Hours.
10.	Last date and time of receipt of Bids in the portal.	:	18.11.2023,17.00 Hours
11.	Bid Security	:	As per DTCN
12.	Cost of Tender paper	:	Rs.10,000/-
13.	Procurement Officer	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar- 751012.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in. Addendum Corrigendum/ Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Bhubaneswar.
OIPR - 32375/11/0003/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.
AT/PO- Nayabazar, Cuttack -753004, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online RCK - 39 / 23 **Letter No.:4194** **Date:-27.10.2023**
O-1409
e-Procurement NOTICE
1. Name of the work : Tender for the **Road Works under (CMRL) & Bridge Works under (BSY)** in the Dist. of Kendrapa & Jajpur.
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK -39 / 23	09.11.2023 At 11.00 A.M	24.11.2023 to 05.30 P.M	23.11.2023 up to 02.00 P.M	25.11.2023 At 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd/- D.P. Karan, Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur
OIPR-25129/11/0047/2324

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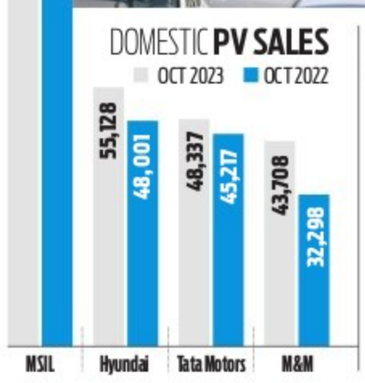
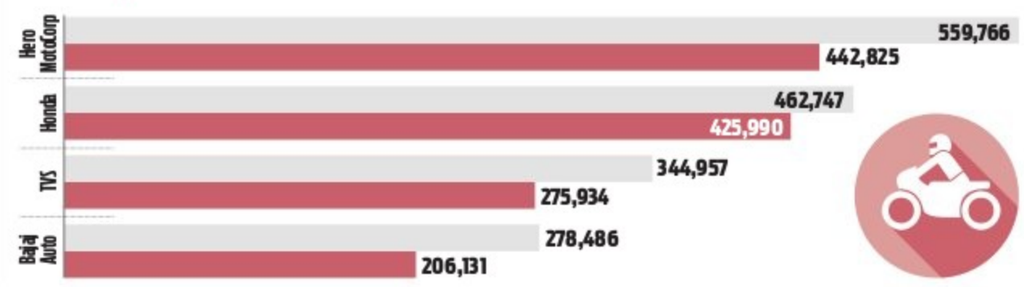
Record PV sales, 2W dispatches recover in Oct

Passenger vehicle sales at a record high of 391,472 units in October, up 16% from 3,36,679 units a year ago





ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

MONTHLY passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches hit an all-time high of over 3.90 lakh units in October 2023 as buyers flocked showrooms during Navaratri and Dussehra.

According to data issued by carmakers, overall PV wholesales in October rose to 391,472 units, up 16% from 336,679 units in the same month last year.

"This is the highest ever monthly sales we have seen in the Indian PV industry in any year in any month," said Maruti Suzuki Senior Executive Officer (Marketing and Sales) Shashank Srivastava. He added that improvement in the availability of semiconductors helped the industry ramp up production to meet the demand while brisk business during the peak festival period of Navratri helped in the volume growth.

Srivastava noted that going forward, they are expecting strong sales in the first 15 days of November, especially around the time of Dhanteras and Diwali.

Maruti Suzuki reported a 19.74% growth in domestic PV sales at 168,047 units in October 2023. This is the highest ever number for the company in any year in any month. Maruti's total volume, including exports, nearly touched 200,000 units last month.

Hyundai (HMIL) registered total sales of 68,728 units in October 2023, up 18% year-on-year. Its domestic sales stood at 55,128 units, up 15%. Tarun Garg, COO of HMIL said, "The recent announcement of standardizing 6 airbags across all Hyundai models and variants has been extremely well received by our valued customers".

India's third largest carmaker- Tata Motors- reported a growth of 7% in domestic PV sales at 48,337 units in October 2023. SUV major Mahindra & Mahindra sold 43,708 vehicles in the domestic market, its highest ever and a growth of 36%.

Two-wheeler sales also witnessed significant recovery with top OEMs such as Hero MotoCorp, Honda 2Wheelers, TVS Motor, Bajaj Auto and Royal Enfield reporting robust growth numbers. Hero said that it expects the demand to remain optimistic on the back of the recent product launches in the premium segment and the ongoing festive season.

Govt clears 110 applications for laptop, PC imports

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government has cleared 110 applications of the 111 requests received for allowing imports of laptops, computers and other IT hardware products so far.

According to the reports, the companies that received approvals include Dell International Services India, Apple India, HP India Sales Pvt Ltd, Lenovo (India), ASUS India, IBM India, Samsung India Electronics, Xiaomi Technology India, Cisco Commerce India, Siemens Ltd and Bosch Ltd. "As many as 111 applications were received so far seeking authorization for the import of IT products," said an official.

LAPTOP IMPORT

Dell, Apple, HP, Lenovo, ASUS, IBM, Samsung, Xiaomi, Cisco, Siemens, Bosch have received approval for import of laptops, PC, other IT hardwares

Last month, the government tweaked rules to import laptops in the country. It introduced an import management system, which mandates companies to register, and give details of quantity and value to import IT hardware from overseas. The purpose was to monitor shipments of laptops, tablets and computers into the country from trusted sources. "110 import authorisations have been issued. Major IT hardware companies have availed authorisations. All applications received are being disposed of within the time stipulated. There is no pendency," said the official.

After getting overwhelming response for the PLI scheme for mobile manufacturing, the government came up with a revised ₹17,000 crore PLI scheme for IT hardware in May 2023. The purpose of the scheme was to boost domestic production of laptops, tablets, all-in-all PCs, servers, and ultra-small form factor devices in the country. However, the scheme didn't yield the desired result. In August 2023, the government mandated the requirement of licence to import these items from November 1, 2023.

Rupee closes at all-time low of 83.33 against greenback

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN what The rupee fell by 9 paise to close at an all-time low of 83.33 against the US dollar on Wednesday amid capital outflows and strengthening dollar. Higher crude oil prices and continuous negative trend in the equity market also weighed down the Indian currency.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.26 against the dollar. During the trading session, it touched an intra-day low of 83.35 and a high of 83.26 against the American currency.

Forex experts expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias amidst geopolitical tensions in West Asia, weak equity domestic market and stronger dollar. The rupee is likely to trade in the 83-83.60 range in the near term.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures advanced 1.34% to $86.16 per barrel. In the domestic equity market on Wednesday, BSE Sensex closed 283.60 points or 0.44% lower at 63,591.33, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 90.45 points or 0.47% to 18,989.15.

On Wednesday, FIIs were net sellers to the tune of ₹1,800 crore. In October, foreign investors pulled out ₹24,000 crore from equities.

Rupee has lost over 1% so far in the current financial year despite the Central Bank intervening in the forex market to support rupee. Recently, Shaktikanta Das in an interaction in Marrakech, Morocco, had said that the Indian rupee did not depreciate as much because the market had confidence that India would be able to meet its obligations.

Over 97% of ₹2,000 notes returned to banks: RBI

NEW DELHI: Over 97% of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have been returned to banks, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Wednesday. Total value of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation was ₹3.56 lakh crore as of May 19, when the withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes was announced. The value of notes still in circulation as of October 31 was ₹0.10 lakh crore. The RBI on May 19 this year announced withdrawal of ₹2000 notes. People were given a window from May 23 to September 30 to either exchange or deposit the ₹2,000 notes. *ENS*

3-day week work from office at Infosys

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AFTER Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) made it mandatory for its employees to work from office for all five days a week, the country's second largest IT services company Infosys has asked its employees in entry to mid-level roles to work from the office thrice a week from November 20.

From March 2020, employees have been working from home, and in April last year, the company began its hybrid model, offering flexibility to employees.

In an email to employees, it said, "To strengthen engagement of our workforce in hybrid model and to ensure we lead from the front, all our offshore employees are required to work from respective base location offices for three days a week effective November 20, 2023."If they are not in base offices, it said they can start working from base location with effect from December 4, 2023.

Infosys in its recent earnings conference said they want to remain flexible with its employees. "Every quarter, every week, we are seeing more and more employees back into the campus and we believe this will continue on," Salil Parekh, CEO and MD, Infosys, said.

The announcement comes at a time when its founder Narayana Murthy urged the youth to work 12 hours a day.

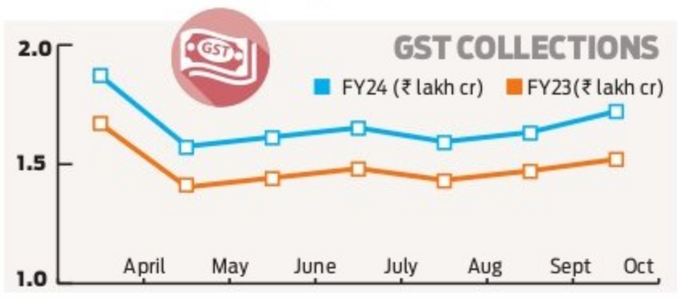
Puneet Arora, managing partner, Biz Staffing Comrade, said, "There's no doubt people want to continue to work remotely, but there's a disconnect between what people think that they want, versus what in the long run might be good for them."

GST revenue in Oct jumps 13% to ₹1.72 lakh cr, 2nd highest ever

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE goods and services tax (GST) revenue registered a massive resurgence in October, with tax collections reaching the second-highest monthly tally of ₹1.72 lakh crore since the GST implementation.

This represents a robust growth of 13.4% compared to the GST collection in the same month the previous year. In September, growth in indirect tax collections had slowed to a 27-month low of 10.2%. Finance ministry revealed that domestic transactions and services imports played a significant role in driving the uptick, contributing to a 13% increase in October's GST revenue.



GST compensation cess collections reached a record high of ₹12,456 crore in October, surpassing the previous peak of ₹12,025 crore in April. Preliminary calculations suggest GST levies on imported goods experienced a faster growth of 13.9% in October, outpacing the growth from domestic transactions.

April 2023 recorded the highest-ever GST revenue of ₹1.87 lakh crore. Currently, the average gross monthly GST collection in the fiscal year 2023-24 stands at ₹1.66 lakh crore, marking an 11% increase compared to the same period last year. Commenting on the revenue collection, Pratik Jain, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP, said, "GST collections have been robust for last many months now and have been higher than estimate for FY2024. The sales push towards end of September quarter, coupled with higher consumer demand due to festival season may have contributed to the increase as well."

Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory, a multi-disciplinary tax consultancy firm, said, "While the GST figures for October 2023 show a growth of 13% over last year, the cumulative growth of GST revenue for the period April 2023 - Oct 2023 vis-a-vis same period last year is 11% as against the budgeted 12% growth of CGST+SGST+Compensation Cess revenue."

Govt allows direct listing of Indian companies on foreign exchanges

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE government has permitted certain classes of public companies to directly list on foreign stock exchanges from October 30, 2023.

Though the details of the rules are yet to come, this sets the ball rolling for Indian firms seeking to list on exchanges in foreign jurisdictions.

The decision has been well-received by the industry experts, who believe this move will provide Indian companies more flexibility and access to overseas funds. By enabling direct overseas listings, this initiative may eliminate the need for complex restructuring processes such as externalisation, which were previously undertaken to benefit from overseas listing.

Manan Lahoty, Partner at INDUSLAW, said, "The idea of allowing unlisted Indian companies to list overseas had gained momentum with the amendment made to the Companies Act in 2020... However, the detailed rules will be needed before the Indian companes can use this route to list."

Punit Shah, Partner, Dhruva Advisors, said , "It will provide much needed flexibility to Indian companies and their investors to list wherever they get better valuations. It may obviate the need for any complex restructuring such as externalisation etc, to avail the benefit of overseas listing".

ED seizes assets worth ₹538 crore linked to Jet, Naresh Goyal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a setback for Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Wednesday said it has attached properties worth ₹538.05 crore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002 in a money laundering case against Jet Airways (India) Limited (JIL).

The properties include 17 residential flats/bungalows and commercial premises in the name of companies related to Jet and persons related to Goyal, including wife Anita and son Nivaan. These assets are situated in London, Dubai and various states of India.

Earlier, ED had conducted search operations at the premises linked to Goyal, Chartered Accountants of JIL and others. ED arrested Goyal on September 1, 2023, and he is in judicial custody. ED on Tuesday had filed a chargesheet against Goyal and five others in alleged fraud case filed by Canara Bank.

ED initiated probe against Goyal on a FIR registered by CBI, BS&FB, Delhi on the basis of a written complaint submitted by Canara Bank, Mumbai, alleging offences of cheating, criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust and criminal misconduct committed by JIL and its promoter and directors.

India Cements' loss mounts as company faces working capital crunch

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ Chennai

INDIA CEMENTS LIMITED (ICL) reported a consolidated net loss of ₹85.54 crore for the July-September quarter of the financial year 2023-24, narrowed from the loss of ₹121 crore in the same period last year.

The cement maker posted a loss of ₹73.58 crore in the quarter ending June 2023. Revenue from operations stood at ₹1,264 crore compared to ₹1,327 crore in the same period the previous year. Despite reduction of coal prices, its cost of production remains high due to vintage plants.

ICL's losses continued after the company's plans to raise working capital from selling land parcels didn't materialise. The company requires a working capital of nearly ₹300 crore.

India Cements managing director N Srinivasan said, "The company plans to raise working capital by recovering advances, including advances to India Cements Infrastructures Limited and Coromandel Sugars, from the group companies." He said with this working capital, ICL will reduce cost of production by modernising its manufacturing facilities and hopes to be competitive with its peers in eight months.

> **The company plans to raise working capital by recovering advances from the group companies**
>
> N Srinivasan, managing director, India Cements

India Cements's total expenses in the second quarter of FY24 were down 10% to ₹1,375.36 crore.

The company's overall volume for the quarter under review was 23.70 lakh tonnes as compared to 22.54 lakh tonnes in the previous year.

ATF price cut 6%, commercial LPG cylinder price goes up

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OIL marketing companies (OMCs) on Wednesday slashed jet fuel or ATF (aviation turbine fuel) by nearly 6% and raised the price of commercial 19-kg cylinder by ₹101.5.

As per a price notification by state-owned fuel retailers, jet fuel will cost ₹1,11,344.92 per kl from ₹1,18,199.17 in the national capital. A 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder will now cost ₹1,833 in the national capital and ₹1,785.50 in Mumbai. However, the price of domestic LPG used in household kitchens for cooking purposes remained unchanged at ₹903 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Petrol and diesel prices continued to remain on freeze for a record 19th month in a row. Petrol costs ₹96.72 per litre and diesel comes at ₹89.62 per litre in the national capital. The companies revise cooking gas and ATF prices on the first day of every month, based on the average international price in the previous month.

The OMCs cut the price of jet fuel after four rounds of increases by a record ₹29,391.08 per kl. On October 1, when rates were hiked by Rs 5,779.84 per kl or 5.1%, prior to that ATF prices had gone up by the steepest-ever 14.1% (₹13,911.07 per kl) on September 1, and 8.5% or ₹7,728.38 per kl on August 1.

EXPRESS READ

Tata Steel reports ₹6,511 cr net loss in Q2

New Delhi: Tata Steel on Wednesday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹6,511.16 crore in Q2FY24. It had clocked ₹1,297.06 crore net profit in the year-ago period. Total income declined to ₹55,910.16 crore from ₹60,206.78 crore in the year-ago quarter. *ENS*

Wheels India subsidiary in US and Germany

CHENNAI: Chennai-based Wheels India will incorporate a wholly-owned subsidiary in the US and Germany. Company's board of directors approved the proposal on Wednesday, it said. Wheels India makes wheels, components for trucks, tractors, construction equipment and buses. *ENS*

Hero's Pawan Munjal takes voluntary salary cut of 20%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HERO MOTOCORP executive chairman Pawan Munjal is taking a voluntary salary reduction of 20%.

This decision follows the businessman's move to separate the roles of Chairman and CEO within the company.

His decision to take a cut in his fixed salary by 20% has been approved by the Board of Directors on Wednesday. The updated remuneration of the Executive Chairman will be effective 1st January 2024.

In FY2023, Hero paid Munjal a total remuneration of Rs 99.55 crore, an annual increase of 18.02%. However, due to a 20% reduction, his anticipated remuneration is now expected to come around to Rs 80 crore.

According to the company's annual report, Niranjan Kumar Gupta, who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer on May 1, 2023, received remuneration of Rs 7.89 crore in FY23. The report noted that the median remuneration for the company's employees in FY23 was Rs 12.25 lakh.

Meanwhile, Hero MotoCorp on Wednesday reported a 47% year-on-year jump in net profit at ₹1,054 crore for Q2FY24.

Maxwell falls off golf cart, to miss Eng tie

Ahmedabad: Australia batter Glenn Maxwell has been ruled out of the World Cup clash against England on November 4 after he fell off a golf cart that resulted in a concussion and facial bruising. Maxwell was riding on the back of a golf cart after a round on Monday when he fell off.

"... with careful thought and consideration, it is with great regret that I feel the time has come for me to retire from all forms of international cricket at the end of the World Cup."

— David Willey, England all-rounder

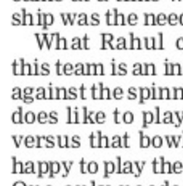
Rahul KLass apart

The middle-order wicketkeeper-batter has quietly become the vital cog of the Indian set up in the World Cup

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Mumbai

MS DHONI. Dhoni. Dhoni. Dhoni. Kedar Jadhav. Hardik Pandya. Pandya. Pandya. Dinesh Karthik. India began the 2019 World Cup with an established No. 5 in Dhoni. By the time the semifinal came around, they had reduced that position to a carousel. In testing conditions, Karthik was essentially used as a shield in the against New Zealand. It predictably backfired.

While some level of flexibility is welcome in the middle-order, using four different players across nine matches in 2019 betrayed a sense of being unsure. That state of flux was extended to the No. 4 as well (there were four No. 4's used across the nine innings as well). They began the tournament with KL Rahul in that position. They finished with him as an opener while Rishabh Pant, who didn't start the tournament, finished it as No. 4. In between, they also played Vijay Shankar and Hardik in that role as the linkman between the top and the middle-order.



Their plans seem to be clearer this time out. Whatever the score, Shreyas Iyer is the No. 4 and Rahul is the No. 5. While the former has walked in at 2/1 or 2/132, the latter has been their man Friday at No. 5 irrespective of whether it's 2/3 or 3/156. It was a plan they put in place over the last 18 months or so (no Indian batter has played in that position more times than him in ODIs since the start of 2022) and he was exactly what they wanted. An all-terrain batter capable of facing the new ball in case of a collapse as well as facing the spinners from both ends. It's a plan they were anchored to after Pant's car crash at the end of last year. Rahul's keeping skills plus his middle-order chops meant he was an automatic choice in the XI, at the expense of Ishan Kishan. At the World Cup, the benefits of a long-term plan have come to fruition. Even though Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have scored more than 50 per cent of all of India's runs, Rahul has made some crucial contributions. His unbeaten 97 against Australia set his tournament up while his 39 against England came at a time when a partnership was the need of the hour.

What Rahul contributes to this team is an insurance policy against the spinners. Even if he does like to play the big shots versus that bowling type, he's happy to play the waiting game. One only needs to remember what happened in that first game against Adam Zampa. When the leg-spinner was introduced in the 18th over, the game was very much in the balance. The hosts were 56/3 and it was a surface assisting the spinners. But Rahul brought his touch play as he caressed three fours between the keeper and point. A big statement had been made. Post that, the threat of Zampa was nullified. Out of the 216 runs he has made at this event, 118 have come against spinners from 147 balls (average of 118 while striking at 80.2). Can he be more destructive? Yes, but that's beside the point. He's doing what the management wants him to do; a steady hand at the till. Some credit must also go to the 31-year-old. Since coming back into the national set-up post that injury while playing for Lucknow earlier this year, he has made 111*, 39, 19, 58*, 52, 26, 97*, 19*, 34*, 27 and 39.

For a guy who had become a lightning rod, he has turned it around in a very short span. The key to that was shutting the outside noise that was telling him all sorts of things. "I have put a lot of effort in this," he had said before the England game. "Outside noise for a long time, I thought it won't affect me, but in the last year or so, it started affecting me. And when I got time, outside of the game, I tried to work on that side - mentally you got to get a lot stronger, a lot more thick-skinned. So yeah, so that really helped me being away from the game." Not logging on to social media was part of that process.

An underrated aspect of Rahul's World Cup has been his keeping. "The medical team at the NCA felt like - with the kind of injury I had, the difficult part would be wicket keeping more than the batting," he said. "The things that I've worked much more harder on are my fitness and my wicket keeping. Then came batting so it was in that order. So, I did work a lot on my wicket-keeping there and yeah, even when I've come back here, I've spent a lot of time wicket-keeping." Even the usually phlegmatic Rahul Dravid was all praise for his namesake. "When we first decided that he would keep and we wanted to have that kind of option with him, we thought we would build him up to this tournament by giving him game time and building him up. But unfortunately, due to his injury, he actually couldn't keep for a while," he had said before the New Zealand match. "But the way he's come back, the way he's worked hard, even in his injury..." He isn't the first name on the team sheet but he's a very important part of the jenga. Some turnaround, then, for the keeper-batter.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Can Rohit & Co. seal semis spot?

India are one win away from guaranteeing a spot in the top four. A look at their match against Sri Lanka on Thursday...

LOTS OF RUNS IN THE OFFING

In the two previous games at Wankhede, the sides batting first (South Africa on both occasions) have made in excess of 380. The strips have largely been batting friendly and there is no reason to suggest anything different will be on play on Thursday.

GILL AND SHREYAS YET TO FIRE

While Rohit, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul have come up with the goods, Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer are two batters without significant contributions. They have been good for cameos but with Hardik Pandya set to return, onus will be on the duo for a big innings.

52.58%

Rohit and Kohli have combined to score more than half the runs India has scored at the World Cup

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Power-packed SA demolish Kiwis

KALYANI MANGALE @ Pune

SINCE 1999, cricket and rugby World Cups have been organised in the same year. Which means the nations that fall in the Venn diagram of Rugby and Cricket, like Australia, England, New Zealand and South Africa, have been through an emotional turmoil twice a year every four years.

Incidentally, one of these four countries has lifted the Webb Ellis Cup since 1999. However, the same thing cannot be said for the Cricket World Cup. For South Africa and New Zealand especially, the cricketing Gods have not been that kind.

When it comes to these two sides facing each other, it has been a one-sided contest since the Proteas won the fixture in 1999. So, when South Africa finally got the opportunity to put an end to that WC streak of New Zealand against them, they took it with both hands beating them by 190 runs.

It started with New Zealand winning the toss because it put Tom Latham in a tricky situation - if they bat first, the Kiwis don't get to make most of the pitch that gets easier to bat under the lights. Such has been the batting form of the South African top-order that inviting them to bat first was like inviting a monster attack.

Latham chose the lesser evil as the record of the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune suggests that teams have struggled to get past 250 in the first innings and hoped the dew could lay the helping hand.

At one point, it felt like a genius decision when Daryl Mitchell caught Temba Bavuma in the second slip early in the innings. That joy couldn't last longer as Quinton de Kock and Rassie van der Dussen's methodical assault slowly took the game away from the Black Caps. Till the 20th over, the duo did not take any unnecessary risks, while kept the strike rotation going.

By the time, Latham introduced Rachin Ravindra, De Kock was ready to pounce as he smashed a six and a four to reach another half-century in the tournament. Even when van der Dussen was finding it hard to get going it was de Kock who kept the innings going for South Africa, while also helping out the struggling batter at the other end. At the end of the 20th over run rate got past 5 RPO and the duo decided to change the gears. Neither Ravindra, Glenn Phillips or Tim Southee, playing his first match, could break the partnership as South Africa amassed 61 runs between 21st and 30th over. The foundation was set at 155 for one after 30 overs. And partnership between the two set batters continued to swell and van der Dussen also matched the opener with a half-century of his own.

Rassie van der Dussen slammed 118-ball 133 in Pune on Wednesday | AFP

De Kock continued his dominance with the bat by smashing his fourth century of the tournament, while the Proteas added a whopping 83 runs between 31st and 40th over. Knowing how the Bavuma-led side had destroyed the opposition bowlers in the death overs, it was a monumental challenge for New Zealand to get their radar right in the final 10 overs, but unfortunately with the hamstring injury to Matt Henry, all the plans went flying.

For the South African top-order, it's the embodiment of the saying from the old gospel music tradition: "Start low, go slow. Rise higher, catch fire." So far it has worked perfectly for them, but new challenges await them.

Brief scores: South Africa 357/4 in 50 ovs (Van der Dussen 133, De Kock 114, Miller 53; Southee 2/77) **bt** New Zealand 167 in 35.3 ovs (Philips 60; Maharaj 4/46, Jansen 3/31).

31, 940 fans turn it up for Proteas, NZ

KALYANI MANGALE @ Pune

"FABULOUS crowd here today. Everybody is engaged. you can sense the World Cup is warming up," announced Mark Nicholas, just before Tim Southee dismissed Rassie van der Dussen's stumps. The crowd, on their feet, applauded the South African batter as he walked off the field with a sensational century. On a weekday, for a match that did not involve the home side, Pune turned up to dismantle what was being propagated at the start of the tournament: 'Indians don't love cricket, Indians love Indian cricket'.

Amongst them was the sports-loving couple from the city, Prakhar and Bhargavi Dixit, who were there at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium right from the toss. Supporting different sides, Prakhar was donning a replica jersey of South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen, while Bhargavi was happy to support the Kiwis with her Devon Conway shirt. There was banter about which team was going to come on top, but in the end, it was all about the love for the sport. "This is our first match in the World Cup from Stadium," the couple told this daily. "From here we will travel to Ahmedabad for Australia vs England. Then we will come back to Pune for Australia vs Bangladesh. We tried our best to get tickets for India matches. We were in those online queues for the longest time, but couldn't get any tickets," Prakhar added.

There weren't the only ones at the venue though. Among the 31,940 fans who turned up at the venue, which has a capacity of 37,406, was a local named Mayuresh Topale. A South Africa fan, Topale even got the customised jersey with his name to support the Proteas.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pune couple Prakhar and Bhargavi Dixit enjoying the match | KALYANI MANGALE

Sadeera, from wilderness to Lanka's main man

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Mumbai

MODERN-DAY Sri Lankan batters make you fall in love with the sport all over again. Kusal Mendis. Pfft. Gorgeous talent. Avishka Fernando. Remember him? He was the one of the many next Aravinda de Silva's the Island has produced. Niroshan Dickwella.That swagger alone was enough, boss. Bhanuka Rajapaksa. The sound alone made you swoon. But because all of them were (still are) very talented, they made you lose your hair. They seldom married ability with meaningful contributions.

Another Sri Lankan batter -- Sadeera Samarawickrama -- is finally beginning to marry both. When he made his Test debut in 2017, there was promise. Untapped promise meant he went back into the wilderness but not before being praised by the likes of Virat Kohli and VVS Laxman during a tour to India in 2017.

As the country changed its structure, Samarawickrama fell through the cracks. It's taken some time for him to come back up the ranks but the No. 4 is back making the big runs. What brought him back into the limelight was having a couple of fine seasons in the Lanka Premier League. After finishing as the second highest runscorer in 2022, he backed it up with a fifth place finish in 2023. At the recently-held Asia Cup, he was the third highest runscorer, with 215 runs at an average of 35.8. While that may seem like an underwhelming returns, mind you that the pitches in Sri Lanka have been hard for the strokemakers. After they conceded 428 against South Africa, Samarawickrama spoke about it. "It had a significant impact," he had said when asked about the impact these pitches had on their bowlers.

While their bowlers may have suffered, the stylish No. 4 is intent on making up for lost time. He's made 331 runs in six games, the ninth on the list of run-getters with an average of 82.75. Why has that been the case? "I think what he has done is he's realized what his game is," was the response of coach Chris Silverwood in the prematch press conference. "He's learned about himself and what works for him, more importantly. And then now he's just trying to do that consistently time and time and time again." On Thursday, he will get a chance to do his thing against Kohli, who was impressed by his attitude in 2017.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Tendulkar immortalised

ON THE STATUE

It's a very special moment for me. I received a call in February about the prospect of having a statue of me inside this Stadium. I was delighted, but I didn't know how to react to be honest. Truly humbled. I dedicate this (statue) to all the cricketers who have played with me.

ON THE CURRENT TEAM

Our team has been playing a different brand of cricket. It's been a joy to watch them play, happy to see how they have played. They know what's expected of them so I'm not going to say anything further.

Sachin Tendulkar's statue was unveiled at Wankhede on Wednesday | PTI

ON WINNING THE WC IN 2011

That day in 2013 was the most emotional day in the field for me but 2011 was the happiest when we won the World Cup here. I said I wanted to do it and to happen at the home venue and this special ground. I couldn't have asked for anything more. My preparation for 2011 started in 2007.

ON DECLINING CAPTAINCY

The real reason was that my body was giving me trouble. I remember having that meeting with Sharad Pawar before a game at The Oval. Both my ankles were giving me issues. I had to go out of the field every now and then to unstrap them, ice my ankles before strapping them up again.

Arjun and Vidit sitting pretty at halfway mark

AGENCIES @ Isle of Man (UK)

INDIAN Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi will have to bring out their best after the halfway mark despite being in joint lead, while R Vaishali, in joint second spot, is having a ball amongst the women in the FIDE Grand Prix chess tournament here.

With the only rest day slated on Tuesday, the Indians have some thinking to do as the dice has not quite been rolling in their favour except for three out of 20 participants here in both men and women sections. As a matter of fact, the highest rated Indian at the start of the event -- D Gukesh has fallen out of contention at the half way stage in the open section while R Praggnanandhaa is also struggling to make a comeback with just five rounds remaining in the strongest open of the year. With USD 460000 and two qualifier berths at stake for the next Candidates' event, Arjun and Vidit are the only two Indians who look in contention unless there is a huge burst coming from either Nihal Sarin, S L Narayanan, Aravindh Chithambaram or Praggnanandhaa in the last five games.

Vidit and Arjun lead the tables with six others on 4.5 points out of a possible six but both of them are yet to play the top two seeds Americans Fabiano Caruana and Hikaru Nakamura.

In the women's section, Vaishali has been closing on her Grandmaster title and for that she looks determined.

50m rifle 3P gold for Tomar

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

AISHWARY Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions individual event and helped India grab a team silver at the Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, Korea on Wednesday.

Tomar shot 463.5 in the final to win the gold. China's Tian Jiaming took the silver with a score of 462.7. Another Chinese, Du Linshu picked up the bronze with 450.3. The Indian trio of Tomar, Swapnil Kusale and Akhil Sheoran won the team silver with a total score of 1764, behind China (1777).

EXPRESS READ

Bazball added to Collins Dictionary

LONDON: 'Bazball' has made its way to the Collins dictionary in recognition to the bold, risk-taking style of play adopted by England men's team under Test coach Brendon McCullum. The term was coined as MCcCullum is popularly known as 'Baz'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Afghanistan spinner Noor Ahmad (18 years and 273 days) is the youngest in this World Cup, while Netherlands' Wesley Barresi is the oldest. He is 39-year-and-153 days old

Pandya unlikely to return for the league stage

MUMBAI: All-rounder Hardik Pandya, who is recovering from an ankle injury, is unlikely to return to action before the team's World Cup match against the Netherlands on November 12. He had hurt his left ankle while fielding on his own bowling in the Bangladesh match in Pune.

Court issues penalty order against Zverev

BERLIN: A German court has issued a penalty order against tennis player Alexander Zverev over allegations he caused bodily harm to a woman. Zverev has disputed the allegations and is contesting the penalty order. The court in Berlin issued the order on October 2.

Shaheen becomes No.1 ODI bowler for 1st time

KOLKATA: Pakistan's lead pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi became the new number one bowler in ODIs, achieving the feat for the first time in his career. He jumped seven places to displace Aussie Josh Hazlewood from the top in the latest ICC rankings.

Rohit concerned with alarming pollution level

AGENCIES @ Mumbai/New Delhi

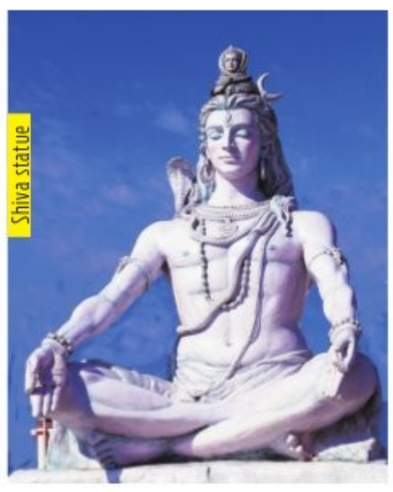
THE unease in his voice was palpable as India skipper Rohit Sharma on Wednesday expressed deep concern about the vitiated air quality in Indian cities, saying the current situation is not ideal and it is important that future generations "get to live without fear". As is the scenario every winter, a deadly mix of fog and smoke has adversely affected Mumbai and Delhi — the cities hosting World Cup matches.

There are several factors contributing to the worsening air quality and BCCI swinging to action has announced that it won't allow display of fireworks during the remaining World Cup games in Delhi and Mumbai.

"In an ideal world you do not want a situation like this but I am pretty sure that the concerned people are taking the necessary steps to avoid this kind of situation. It is not ideal and everyone knows that," Rohit said on the eve of the match against Sri Lanka in the financial capital of the country.

Rohit, who has a five-year-old daughter, said the future generations deserve a clean environment.

"Looking at our future generations, your kids, my kid. Obviously it is important that they get to live without any fear. Every time I get to speak outside of cricket, or not discussing cricket I always talk about this. We have to look after our future generations," the captain said.



Shiva statue

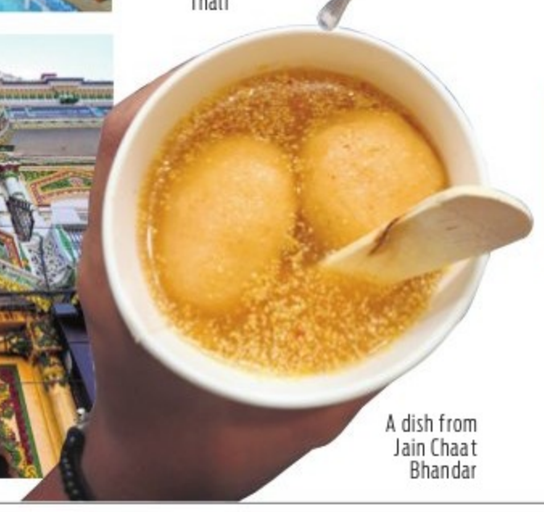
Man on a bridge

Pilibhit House

Heritage buildings in Haridwar

Kulhad chai

Garhwali Thali



A dish from Jain Chaat Bhandar

In an era where off-beat locations seem to be overpowering iconic destinations, we choose a spiritual getaway to cleanse our souls as solo women travellers...

HOLIDAYING IN HARIDWAR AS A SOLO WOMAN TRAVELLER

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

'IN a world where we, as Gen Z, often find ourselves immersed in the hustle and bustle of urban life immersed in our own little digital worlds, we never foresaw ditching technology and setting foot in one of India's most religious cities. A couple of decades ago, women travelling here complained about eerie incidents and numerous reports flashed on the news supporting their claims and maybe this was one of the major reasons why most solo women travellers avoided boarding a flight to Uttarakhand. But as time has passed, so have the situations and we decided to take the plunge and how! We embarked on a solo journey to one of India's most religious destinations, greedy to soak in the spirituality and peace Haridwar is known to offer to everyone who seeks it and to see how the *Gateway to the Gods* treats the modern *desi* solo woman traveller.'

History and Haridwar are intricately entangled with one another. When we say historical significance, we don't just mean the time when king Bhagirath brought river *Ganga* from heaven to earth or when Lord Vishnu left his footprint on a stone that is set in the upper wall of Har Ki Pauri. But also in terms of the city's vibrant architecture left behind by the royal families and aristocrats that to this day stand tall on the *Ganga ghat*. And, as informed by our guide, living in these fancy *havelis* with intricate carvings and protruding balconies are the city's famous *pandits* who will pull out your entire family tree if your ancestors were associated with them or their forefathers in some way.

Solo traveller

Enchanted by the beauty of these buildings, we found ourselves in a centuries-old regal *haveli* owned by the descendants of the royal family of Pilibhit — Pilibhit House, a century-old aristocratic mansion meticulously restored that now forms a part of the IHCL SeleQtions. This noble house boasts the largest private bathing *ghat* in the city and one can enjoy a *Ganga Aarti* or Yoga at the Ganges Deck.

Haridwar is a welcoming city for all. Here you'll spot solo woman travellers not just from across India but from other parts of the world dressed modestly keeping the local customs in mind. Women fearlessly taking a dip in the holy river amongst a sea of strangers without the fear of being eyed or touched or groped and women freely shopping and savouring local treats around the old markets long after the sun had disappeared into the horizon — Haridwar has changed. The city is a melting pot of cultures and religions, where people come to attain spiritual enlightenment and cleanse their souls in the holy waters of the Ganges.

Now that you have a rough idea about women's safety in Haridwar, here are some experiences one simply cannot miss, which go beyond participating in the *Ganga Aarti* at Har Ki Pauri that takes place daily at sunset. Find local ashrams that offer yoga and meditation classes, providing you with the perfect opportunity to rejuvenate your mind and body or set off on a food trail through Moti Bazaar if you are a chaat lover and foodie. Although the range of available adventure sports in this city is slimmer in comparison to the neighbouring Yoga capital (Rishikesh), it does offer unique off-roading excursions to Chiriyapur Forest Range for a wetland tour or for jaw-dropping views of the *Ganga* from the ropeways built in the 1990s taking you to Manasa and Chandi Devi *Mandirs*.

With this unique blend of spirituality, culture and adventure, our solo journey to this city of sacred traditions left us with a sense of inner peace and self-discovery. It's a place where the past meets the present and every traveller, especially a women, should consider exploring this enchanting city on their own.

STAY: Pilibhit House, Haridwar – IHCL SeleQtions: ₹30,000 onwards. At Niranjani Akhara Marg, Haridwar

NEAREST AIRPORT: Dehradun

NEAREST RAILHEAD: Haridwar Junction

BY ROAD: Haridwar is approximately a four-hour drive from Delhi or Chandigarh

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Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK
('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in, Tel/Fax – 0671-2301751/2302751
B-1167 Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 23 /2023-24.

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as mentioned below.
2. No. of work :- 02 Nos.
3. Nature of work :- Building works
4. Class of contractor :- **'B', & 'A' Class.**
5. Tender paper cost :- Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site. :- **From 08.11.2023 to 17.30 Hours of 18.11.2023**
7. Date of opening of bid :- **Dt.20.11.2023 at 11.00 Hours.**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- P.K.Rath, Chief Construction Engineer,
Cuttack (R&B)Circle **OIPR- 34012/11/0037/2324**

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur Dt., West Bengal.
Phone No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.:03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tenders through MSTC Portal):-

1. **CONSTRUCTION OF MID-DAY MEAL HALL IN FIVE SCHOOLS OF PASCHIM MEDINIPUR DISTRICT UNDER CSR; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/ADMINISTRATION/1/23-24/ET/22 [CONSTRUCTION OF 5 MDM HALL]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 001/SAL/CSR/2023-24; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹59.75 LAKH].**
2. **SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 272KW (AC CAPACITY)/325.4KW (DC CAPACITY) ROOFTOP SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT WITHOUT BATTERY BANK (GRID INTERACTIVE) IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/18/23-24/ET/20 [SITC OF 272KW ROOFTOP SOLAR]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 013/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2023-24; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹174.50 LAKH].**
3. **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING, SANITATION AND OTHER RELATED WORKS AT PRESS AREA AS WELL AS TOWNSHIP AND OTHER ALLIED AREAS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/19/23-24/ET/21 [AMC OF UTILITY EQUIPMENT]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 014/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2023-24; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹196 LAKH].**

Last date of tender submission – **05.12.2023** by **11:30 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com**. Tender details are also available in our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on the above websites. *Chief General Manager*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its present owners viz., **Sri. Gopalakrishna V, Siddalingamma B.S** and **C.K. Manju Kumar** respectively. Said owners have informed my client that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, claims. etc.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., having any valid right, title, interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s ***within 07 (SEVEN) Days*** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

1) All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural dry land measuring 0.30 Guntas, out of the larger extent of 1 Acre 26 Guntas, in Sy.No. 11/3 of the Gullobanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Road **West by :** Perumappa,s Property
North by : Remaining portion of the samesurve number
South by : Purvankara Tivan Hills Layout

2) All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Land measuring 0-37 Guntas in Sy. No. 37/2, situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, (Previously Bangalore North Additional Taluk), and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy No. 53 **West by :** Land bearing Sy No. 29
North by : Land bearing Sy No. 37/4 **South by :** Land bearing Sy No. 37/3

3) All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Land measuring 0-37 Guntas in Sy. No. 37/4 (old Sy. No.37/2), situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, (Previously Bangalore North Addtnl Taluk), and bounded on:

East by : Property belongs to B. N. Nanjamariyappa S/o Nanjundappa;
West by : Rajakaluve; **North by :** Property belongs to H.S. Rudrappa S/o Sangappa
South by : Property belongs to B.S.Siddalingamma.

Sd/-
H. M. PRAKASH, Advocate
No.135/A-35, 9th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashivnagar, Bangalore 560 080.
Mob: 98456 37383.
Date: 01.11.2023 Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE (W&M)/HSN/EE (O)/DCA/AEE-2/2023-24/4128-33 Date: 30.10.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH-E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL, Transmission (W&M) Circle, Hassan, Hassan District, Karnataka State invites bids on Electronic mode for providing manpower services as follows against the following bid enquiry number. Bid Enquiry Nos.: 1) KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2023-24/01 for Shift duties at **400/220kV Hebbanahally** in Sakaleshapura Taluk, Hassan District. 2) KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2023-24/02 for Shift duties at **220/66 kV Chikkanagara** in Sakaleshapura Taluk, Hassan District. 3) KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2023-24/03 for Providing 3 Nos. of Security Guards each to **Hebbanahally & Chikkanagara** Sub-stations.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyperlink "e-procurement-kptcl or https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **11.00 AM on 06.11.2023**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.,), Transmission (Works & Maint) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Santhepete, B.M.Road, Hassan – 573201. Phone: 08172-250765

KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
KMF Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625/25536789 E-mail:kmfengg@gmail.com

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/TUMUL- MEGA DAIRY/2023-24 Date: 30.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two cover System] [Through e-procurement Portal only]

Tumkur Milk Union Ltd., desires to establish **New Mega dairy project with regard to establishment of project on behalf of TUMUL Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd., Bangalore** invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and reputed firms, suppliers, manufacturers may participate in the tender by logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & also contact Helpdesk No. **080 23010900/23010901 E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Contract Period
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Refrigeration system including cold rooms/ deep freezers suitable for 10LLPD expandable to 15LLPD capacity liquid milk processing plant along with 3LLPD capacity condensing plant, 1.5LLPD capacity curd plant on turn key basis for Tumkur Milk Union at Tumkur.	1 Job	22.00 Lakhs	15 Months
2	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Steam generation system, including steam header, steam piping, PRS insulation, structural support & other utilities like Air compressor, water treatment plant, suitable for 10LLPD expandable to 15LLPD capacity liquid milk processing plant along with 3LLPD capacity condensing plant, 1.5LLPD capacity curd plant on turn key basis for Tumkur Milk Union at Tumkur.	1 Job	22.00 Lakhs	15 Months

(1) Tenders may be downloaded from dated **02.11.2023 to 02.12.2023 upto 4:00 PM. (2)** Last date for Tender submission on **02.12.2023 upto 4:00 PM. (3)** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on **04.12.2023 at 11:30 AM. (4)** Pre-bid meeting date: **17.11.2023 at 11.30 AM.** Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engg-2]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

RC NO: 956/2018

Canara Bank, Chickpet Branch, Bangalore ...Certificate Holder Bank
Versus
Sri Suresh Kumar and others ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri Suresh Kumar, S/o Hataji, Prop: M/s Rangloli, Silk Kendra, No.3, Makam Complex, 1st Floor, Basavanna Lane, Avenue Road Cross, Bangalore- 560 002.
2. Smt. Lasu Devi, W/o Sri Suresh Kumar, No.45, Mallikarjunappa Lane, 4th Floor, K.R. Shetty Pet, Bangalore- 560 002
3. Sri Prakash Kumar, S/o Sri Dalji Dawasi, No.45, Mallikarjunappa Lane, 4th Floor, K.R. Shetty Pet, Bangalore- 560 002
4. Sri Agaram Dawas, S/o Sri Dalaji Dawasi, No.45, Mallikarjunappa Lane, 4th Floor, K.R. Shetty Pet, Bangalore-560 002 ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA NO.1855/2014** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **dtd. 23/7/2016** an amount of **Rs.12,35,915/- (Rupees Twelve lakhs thirty five thousand nine hundred fifteen Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **12th day of September 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT I)
4th FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING, TELEPHONE HOUSE,RAJ BHAVAN ROAD BENGALURU-560001

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993.

RC NO. 6308/2010 IN OA NO.719/2009

CANARA BANK, Avenue Road Branch, Bangalore ....CERTIFICATE HOLDER
AND
B.M. Somashekhar Alias B.M. Somshekharappa ....CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

To,
Certified Debtors

CD1: Sri B M Somshekar Alias B. M. Somshekarappa
CD2: Kalpana Somsekhar W/o Sri B M Somshekar
Both are at: M/s EAGA Capital World Care System, No. 11/4, Santosh Complex, RMV II stage, Bangalore-560054. **Residing at:** No. 17, 5th Cross, 3rd Main, HIG Dollars Colony, RMV II stage, Bangalore-560047.
CD3: Sri M. Venkatesh Murthy S/o Sri Muniyappa, Residing at No. 25/B, 1st Left Cross, Sundar Nagar, Gokul, Bangalore-560054.

Whereas you were ordered by the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 1) who had issued Recovery Certificate No. **RC 6308 in OA No. 719/2009** to pay to the Certificate Holder Bank the sum of **Rs. 42,58,945/- (Rupees Forty Two lacs Fifty Eight thousand nine hundred forty five only)** with interest @ 15.50% p.a compounded from the defendants in fully, Jointly severally and personally from the date of application to till the date of realization along with costs. Amount to be recovered calculated till date of order is as per schedule. The applicant is at liberty to recover the same from the defendants as stated above and also the property shown:

Schedule of the Recovery Certificate

Sl No.	Item	Amount (in Rupees)
1	Amount Determined	42,58,945
2	Interest @ 15.50% P.A compounded monthly from 30.11.2009 to 21.06.2010	3,83,886.05
3	Application Fee	45,005.00
4	Advocate Fee	43,000.00
5	Process Fee/Misc	3,300.00
	Total	47,34,136.05

and whereas as the said has amount not been paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentioned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and setting the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE-A- PROPERTY
(Property belonging to the First Defendant Mortgaged to applicant Bank)

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of Land and building situated at No. 18 New No.35. Khatha No. 582, Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring East to West on Southern Side 143 feet: on Northern Side 133 feet and north to South 64 feet in all measuring 8,832 sq. ft. and **bounded on :- East by:** Road; **West by:** Property No.s 27,28and 29; **North by:** Property Nos 31,32,33 and 34, **South by:** Private Property.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **21/08/2023.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I

Muthoottu Mini Financiers
Registered Office: 65/623-K, Muthoottu Royal Towers, Kaloor,
CIN: U65910KL1995PLC012154 Kochi, Kerala - 682017 GST No.33AABCM5994M1ZY

PUBLIC NOTICE

We would like to inform you that as part of strategic planning we have decided to merge the following branch with nearby branch after 3 months from the publication of this notice, the details of which are given below. The proposed date of merger is 06.02.2024. We are Intimating customers about the merger of the branch and the name and address of the branch to which it is being merged and affixing a notice at branch to inform our valuable customers.

Branch	Closure Branch	Branch	Merger Branch
KAR-Kaggadasapura	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd, 2nd Floor, No.372/a-1, Kaggadasapura Main Road, 9°Cross, C.V.Raman Nagar P.O, Bangalore, Karnataka	KAR-Thippasandra	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd Alfa Diamond Ilaza,beml Main Road, New Thippasandra, Bangalore.560075
KAR-Muranad	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd 1st Floor, 214/3A, 214/3D, Bhadrakalli Complex, Main Road Murnad Post, Madikeri, Kodagu Dist, karnataka.571252	KAR-Virajpet	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd Door No.100/1, FMC Road, Virajpet, Karnataka-571218
KAR-Kottara	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd 1st Floor,1-n-3-205/30,Salvista Apartment, Kulur Ferry Road, kottara, Mangalore-575006	KAR-BC Road	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd Sulthan Complex,1st Floor, Shop No.1&12,site No.138/7 BP(1),138/1 BP (1) B Muda Village, Bantwal. Pin-574211
KAR-Udaynaga	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Site No:11, Shop No:4,1st Main, Behind Tin Factory, Bangalore-16	KAR-KR Puram	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd 472/1 Ist Floor Near Karnataka Bank Old Madras Road Bangalore - 560036
KAR-Puttur	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd Krishna Prasad Building,above Canara Bank,opp.aruna Theatre, main Road, Puttur.D.K. 574201	KAR-Bellare	Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd 1st Floor, Laxmi Jatha Building, Main Road Bellare. 574212

We are taking every step to see that services to the Customers are not affected and are not creating any inconvenience to them.

Place: Kochi, Authorised Signatory,
Date : 02.11.2023 Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BANGALORE
4th FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD BENGALURU-560001

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Other Financial institutions Act, 1993 r/w Rule 4 and 31 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

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To,
The Branch In Charge, Canara Bank, Avenue Road Branch, Bengaluru 560002

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and whereas the certificate debtor failed to pay the said amount.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed and unless they shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before **25/09/23** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I

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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Youngest champion

Lewis Hamilton became Formula One's youngest champion on this day in 2008, winning the title by finishing fifth in the Brazilian Grand Prix

DRAMATIC FINALE

In the history of Formula One world championship finales, this was the most dramatic face off and it occurred at the Brazilian Grand Prix under the grey skies above the circuit

CLOSE COMPETITION

Felipe Massa led comfortably out in front, while Hamilton switched between fifth and sixth position, enough for his first championship

FINISH LINE

Hamilton became Britain's first champion since Damon Hill in 1996. He pulled it off right after entering the last lap in sixth on the track

A curated list of happenings in the city

PG 2

AN ACTOR'S CRAFT

Actor Shivankit Singh Parihar on his recent release *Aspirants 2*, his character's evolution from the previous season, and more

MONIKA MONALISA

AFTER the success of season 1, the second part of the web series *Aspirants* is back. Directed by Apoorv Singh Karki and written by Deepesh Sumitra Jagdish, the show premiered on OTT recently. In this season too, the story revolves around the same characters, with one of them already having become an IAS officer. Actor **Shivankit Singh Parihar,** who plays the character of Guri, is 'eternally grateful' to the audience for giving so much love to season 1 of *Aspirants*. "We always wanted season 2 to have the same sincerity and honesty," says Parihar, who was in the city for work.

Though the core of both the seasons remains the same, Parihar says it is also about how life has evolved. "The first season was all about four friends. But now this time, it's a mix of administration and how their lives have changed with the challenges they have faced. It's about the way the system works, which clashes with friendship and conflict," explains Parihar. Apart from him, Naveen Kasturia, Abhilash Thapliyal, Sunny Hinduja, and Namita Dubey, are in key roles. His character Guri was quite a headstrong one in season 1 but has he changed this time? "It's a universal rule that when you get married, you evolve. After Guri got married to Dhairya, he turned into a better version of himself. When he was younger in season 1, he was hot-headed, but now, after the marriage, he is more composed. He thinks before he does anything and is adaptive to conflicts," says Parihar with a laugh.

They say nothing comes easy for an actor. Having a slow start with the short-format content to finally transitioning to a web series, Parihar says the wait has paid off. "Everybody follows this process from the director to the writer and the DoP. We start with short videos and films and then make mini-series, and then go for bigger shows. It is the same process I have also followed as an actor," recalls Parihar, who is also a voice-over and theatre artiste.

> *In Season 1, Guri was a hot-headed guy, but now he is more composed. He thinks before he acts and is adaptive to all the conflicts*
>
> Shivankit Singh Parihar, Actor

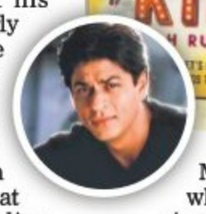
A still from the show

CITY READ

Book launch celebrates lives of 40 Kannada theatre artistes

Indian Institute of World Culture hosted the launch of the book *Havyaasi Rangada Muthu Rathnagalu* in Kannada by theatre artist Dheerendra S. The book depicting the lives of 40 Kannada amateur theatre artistes was unveiled by actor Pranaya Raja, with veteran theatre and film artist Girija Lokesh as the chief guest. GN Narasimha Murthy of Kannada Ganaka Parishattu, Gururaja Shastry, and Ravi Kusubi were also present. The launch honoured senior artistes BR Jayaram, MP Venkatarao, and TS Shivashankar. Samanvaya Samithi, Kannadave Sathya Prathishtana organised the event, which was presided over by BS Ravindra.

BIRTHDAY BASH



Shah Rukh Khan turns 58 today and it is a good enough reason for his fans to call it an early Deepavali. The love for King Khan is such that a few from the city decided to go the extra mile to celebrate the special day with Khan himself. Yes, you read that right! And if you are feeling envious about it, then you are not alone. **Pooja S**, who is part of the group that has travelled from Bengaluru to Mumbai, reveals the birthday celebration itinerary which included watching *Dilwale Dulhania Lejayenge* at Maratha Mandir, where it's been running for the past 28 years. "Post that, we went to Mannat where we saw SRK in person. Today, we are going to meet him and ask him questions. We are going to wish him luck for breaking records with his upcoming film," says Pooja.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Nandini 2) Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation
3) MS Dhoni

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Jaikishan N
2) Brinda Hirisave
3) Hemanth Pai

XPRESS FOCUS

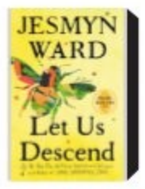
SMD INITIATIVE

Hi Life Exhibition in Bengaluru

Get ready to welcome Diwali, the biggest festival of the season with the latest fashion, as the City's favourite fashion showcase Hi Life Exhibition is back.

This time around Hi Life is ready to take your festive shopping experience to the next level. Get your stylish diwali look with gorgeous festive designer wear, wedding ensembles for the brides-to-be, ethnic collections to every day fashion apparels, accessories, jewellery and even fashion statements for your home. You will find the best for yourself and your home this Diwali. This popular show is back in your city on the 2nd & 3rd of November at The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru, So come, make your Diwali celebration grand.

BOOK NOOK



Let us Descend

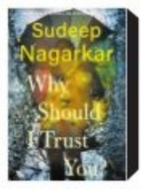
By Jesmyn Ward

The book revisits American slavery. Searching, harrowing, and replete with transcendent love, it is a journey from the rice fields of the Carolinas to the slave markets of New Orleans and into the fearsome heart of a Louisiana sugar plantation.

Galaxy Jones and the Space Pirates

By Briana McDonald

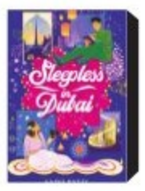
A lonely prince and the daughter of an innkeeper pair up to squabble and fight pirates. To save her father's failing hotel in the "astro-boonies," Lexi Jones sets out to find a "space-techno" amulet that can slow down time.



Why Should I Trust You?

By Sudeep Nagarkar

Eighteen-year-old Nandini wakes up from a coma in a state of disorientation, following which, with the help of her family whom she doesn't recognise, some memories come back to her while others remain obstinately out of reach.



Sleepless in Dubai

By Sajni Patel

Nikki, an aspiring photographer, accompanies her family on a trip to Dubai to celebrate Deepavali. Yash, the boy next door — with whom Nikki has a rocky history — is also on the flight. Oblivious to the tension, Nikki's family asks her to get acquainted with Yash. But can betrayals and conflicts be set aside to discover the true meaning of the festival?

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Shopping Mela

Choose from an array of fashion choices including exquisite embroidery, precious stones, ethnic wear, bridal ensembles, contemporary cuts, tunics and more. Get yourself the trendiest looks for making fashion statements or curating your everyday wardrobe.

When: Nov 2-3, 10am
Where: The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram
Details: allevents.in

Melodic Magic

With a combination of jazz and blues influences, prepare for a captivating journey through time as Suonno d'Ajere, a Neapolitan musical trio, blends bold vocals, classical guitar, and mandolin for a fresh take on traditional Neapolitan music.

When: Nov 3, 9.30pm
Where: Windmills Craftworks, Whitefield
Details: windmills-india.com

Joke Fest

Get ready for 'Jokes Aaj Kal' presented by Blue Bulb Comedy and enjoy an evening filled with stand-up comedy, delicious food, and great company, ensuring a night of fun with friends and family.

When: Nov 2, 9pm
Where: Nirula's, Indiranagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

DJ Beats

Get ready to ignite your night with DJ Hassan with a groovy Punjabi Night this Thursday. Go be part of an unforgettable party and move to the latest beats all night long.

When: Nov 2, 7pm **Where:** WL Superclub, HSR Layout
Details: insider.in

Puppetry Wonders

Rediscover the pleasure of storytelling through this puppet show as you embark on a fairy tale of genuine love, compassion, and sharing with captivating characters, picturesque settings, and soulful music.

When: Nov 2, 7.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Techno Night

Get ready for an electrifying night as COMITAS brings you an exciting event with live performances by Alter Syn, Nikith, and BK at the vibrant Techno Rooftop Rituals.

When: Nov 2, 7pm
Where: Indigo XP, Koramangala
Details: insider.in

Bollywood Dance Workshop

Join this Bollywood Dance Workshop for an exhilarating exploration of this vibrant dance form. Dive into the dynamic fusion of classical and folk Indian styles with a touch of Western influence.

When: Nov 3, 8.30pm **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli **Details:** bookmyshow.com

A TAPESTRY OF TRADITIONS

On Kannada Rajyotsava, Yakshagana dancers perform at an event celebrating Karnataka's rich culture, organised at a mall in Rajajinagar| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

ORANGE ILANEER MOJITO

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Juice of Malta orange:** 1 cup
- **Tender coconut water:** 1 cup
- **Small lime:** 1, cut into quarters
- **Pudina leaves:** 2 sprigs
- **Black salt:** a pinch
- **Cold water:** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 2 tbsp
- **Crushed ice:** a handful

METHOD

- Crush mint leaves lightly.
- In a shaker, add lemon pieces, crushed ice, pudina leaves, salt, tender coconut water, orange juice, sugar and cold water.
- Shake vigorously for 1 minute. Serve chilled.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SIDDHASANA VARIATION

(ADEPT OR ACCOMPLISHED POSE VARIATION)

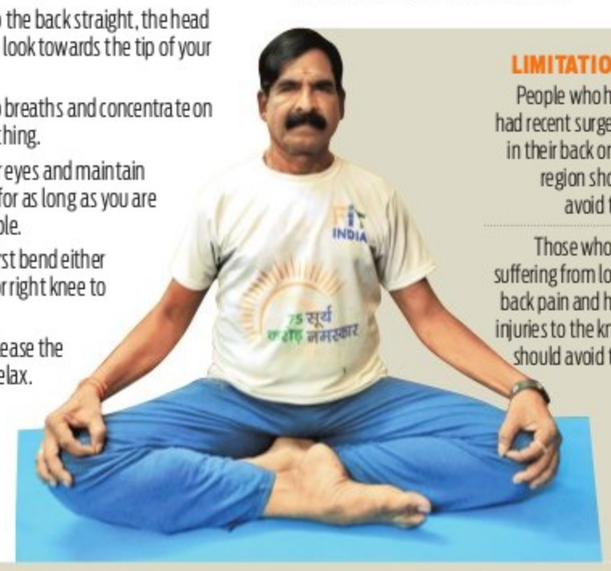
In Sanskrit, 'siddha' means accomplished, and 'asana' means pose. This is a basic seated pose that is commonly used during pranayama and meditation practice. It stimulates both the Muladhara (root) and Svadhisthana (spleen or sacral) chakras.w

STEPS

- Sit on the floor with your legs stretched in front of you.
- Bend your left knee and hold your left foot with your hands. Place the heel near the perineum, and rest the sole of the left foot against the right thigh.
- Now, bend the right knee and place the right foot close to the left ankle, placing the right heel against the shinbone.
- Instead of resting your body on your heels, keep them relaxed on the floor.
- Place your palm on your knees with the Gyan Mudra, and your other fingers pointing to the floor.
- Now, keep the back straight, the head erect, and look towards the tip of your nose.
- Take deep breaths and concentrate on your breathing.
- Close your eyes and maintain this pose for as long as you are comfortable.
- You can first bend either your left or right knee to practise.
- Finally, release the feet and relax.

BENEFITS

- Helps improve the blood circulation in your body.
- Stabilises the sexual energy.
- Stretches the hips, knees, ankles and the back.
- Aids in the weight loss process.
- Helps to reduce mental stress and cleanses the impurities of Nadis.
- In Hatha Yoga Pradipika, it is said that Siddhasana regulates the flow of prana and calms the nervous system in the body.
- Calms the practitioner.
- It improves the alignment of body postures.
- Broadens the chest and collar bones.



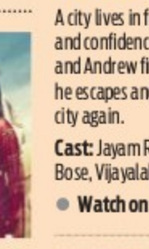
LIMITATIONS

People who have had recent surgeries in their back or hip region should avoid this.

Those who are suffering from lower back pain and have injuries to the knees should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING



REGIONAL

PENTAGON - PANCH KA DUM (Hindi)

Pentagon is an anthology of five stories directed by five directors. The theme of the movie is based on death and its consequences. All the stories are connected to a book, and each story tells a different genre story, including the theme.

Cast: Kishore Kumar G., Pruthvi Ambaar, P Ravi Shankar
Watch on: Dollywood Play

MASTER PEACE (Malayalam, series)

The tale of an unconventional family led by Binoy, a determined yet struggling businessman, and Ria, a dedicated homemaker striving to hold their unique family together.

Cast: Nithya Menen, Shantikrishna, Roshan Mathew
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

VAADA EK ANOKHA PROMISE (Hindi)

To fulfil an oath to his father, Chaithu, a successful TV show director, saves each penny to buy his dream house. After buying the house, he faces unexpected problems that keep his girlfriend at bay. What will he do?

Cast: Vijay Raja, Tamanna Vyas, Sivaji Raja
Watch on: Dollywood Play

IRAIVAN (Tamil)

A city lives in fear of a psychotic killer, and confidence in the police wanes. Arjun and Andrew finally arrests the killer, but he escapes and chaos reigns all over the city again.

Cast: Jayam Ravi, Nayanthara, Rahul Bose, Vijayalakshmi Feroz
Watch on: SonyLIV

KAISA YEH FITOOR (Hindi)

In a whirlwind of passionate romance, a simple college girl finds herself entangled with her charismatic next-door neighbour, whose possessive and obsessive behaviour turns her fairy-tale romance into a nightmare she must escape!

Cast: Kanika Gautam, Yuvraj Thakur, Manvi Chugh
Watch on: ShemarooMe

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

GHUSPAITH: BETWEEN BORDERS (Hindi)

An Indian photojournalist, Manav, must cross the perilous border between Bangladesh and India with his family while being hunted down by a group of ethnic cleansing Mujahideen fighters.

Cast: Amit Sadh, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Pamela Bhutoria
Watch on: Jio Cinema

MURAKH - THE IDIOT (Hindi)

Unable to get a visa, Abdul, a poor, illiterate Muslim man from rural India, feels he has no choice but to hijack a domestic flight and redirect it to Australia. Inspired by actual events, this satire exposes the bigotry of a society fed on religious stereotypes and paranoia.

Cast: Kartik Krishnan, Arfi Lamba, Varun Patel
Watch on: Jio Cinema

FOREIGN

LOVE IN FAIRHOPE (English, series)

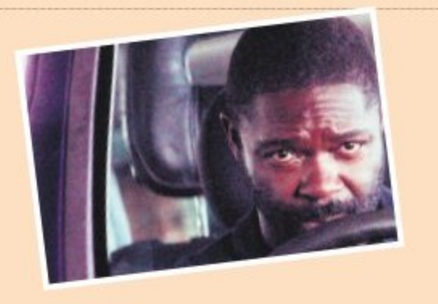
Five generations of women's lives are chronicled in it. In this community, everybody knows each other's business, but nobody knows where hopelessly passionate hopes, passions, and inspiration will lead them all.

Cast: Mya Jo Williams, Abby Mannich, Olivia Ogletree
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

THE AFTER (English)

After losing a family member to a violent crime, a shattered rideshare driver picks up a passenger, which forces him to confront his grief.

Cast: David Oyelowo, Jessica Plummer, Amelie Dokubo
Watch on: Netflix



SOVEREIGN SOIL (English, Documentary)

Set in the northern wilds surrounding the tiny sub-Arctic town of Dawson City, Yukon, Sovereign Soil is an ode to the beauty of this ferocious, remote land and the wisdom of those who've chosen to call it home.

Cast: Gerry Couture, Jan Couture, Karen Digby
Watch on: Curiosity Stream

MY HOME HERO (Japanese, series)

A salaryman murders his daughter's abusive and murderous boyfriend. But the boyfriend's father is a powerful yakuza who launches a manhunt to find his son.

Cast: Kuranosuke Sasaki, Shuichiro Naito, Asuka Saitô
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

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BATTLING THE BIG C OF THE BLADDER

Veteran actor Vinod Khanna succumbed to advanced bladder cancer... understanding it can help better tackle the disease

DR NITI KRISHNA RAIZADA

As medical research continues to evolve, our understanding of various diseases deepens, enabling us to provide better care and treatment to those affected. One such disease that demands our attention is bladder cancer, a condition that affects millions worldwide. Veteran actor **Vinod Khanna** succumbed to advanced bladder cancer and this gap could have been filled by awareness and understanding of this cancer.

Understanding Bladder Cancer

Bladder cancer occurs when abnormal cells within the bladder start to grow and multiply uncontrollably. These cells can form tumours that, if left untreated, might spread to surrounding tissues and other parts of the body. While the exact cause of bladder cancer is not always clear, certain risk factors have been identified that increase the likelihood of its development.

Risk Factors

Smoking remains the most significant risk factor for bladder cancer. The harmful chemicals present in tobacco smoke can be absorbed into the bloodstream and eventually excreted through urine, exposing the bladder to these carcinogens. Additionally, exposure to certain industrial chemicals and pollutants, particularly those used in the dye, rubber, and leather industries, has been linked to an increased risk of bladder cancer. Individuals with a family history of the disease, or those who have previously undergone radiation therapy, also face a higher risk.

Recognising the Symptoms

Awareness of the common symptoms associated with bladder cancer can lead to earlier diagnosis and more effective treatment. Blood in the urine, often painless, is the most prominent indicator. This condition, known as hematuria, may come and go, making it crucial not to dismiss even intermittent occurrences. Other symptoms include frequent urination, painful urination, and lower back pain. However, these symptoms can often overlap with other urinary tract issues, underlining the importance of seeking medical attention if they persist.

Diagnostic Approaches

Early detection is key to improving the prognosis for bladder cancer patients. Physicians use various diagnostic tools to confirm the presence of the disease. These include urine tests to identify abnormal cells, imaging studies like ultrasounds and CT/MRI scans to visualise the bladder and surrounding areas.

Treatment Strategies

The treatment approach for bladder cancer largely depends on the stage and aggressiveness of the disease. There are three primary treatment modalities:

1 **Surgery:** If the cancer is localised within the bladder lining, a procedure known as transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) may be performed. This involves removing the tumour through the urethra. In more advanced cases, partial or complete removal of the bladder (cystectomy) might be necessary.

2 **Chemotherapy:** This treatment uses drugs to destroy cancer cells or stop their growth. Chemotherapy can be administered before surgery to shrink tumours, after surgery to kill remaining cancer cells, or as the primary treatment for advanced cases.

3 **Radiation Therapy:** In some cases, radiation therapy is used to target and kill cancer cells. It can be used alone or in combination with surgery and chemotherapy.

4 **Targeted Therapy/ Immunotherapy:** Immunotherapy has emerged as a promising avenue. Immune checkpoint inhibitors, for instance, help the body's immune system recognise and attack cancer cells. These are especially useful in patients with poor renal functions. Newer targeted drugs are available for improved care. Genomic profiling helps us decide about such therapies.

Prevention and Prognosis

While not all cases of bladder cancer can be prevented, adopting a healthy lifestyle can significantly reduce the risk. Avoiding tobacco products, staying hydrated, and maintaining a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables can contribute to lowering the chances of developing the disease. Regular medical check-ups and screenings are also essential for early detection.

Bladder cancer is a complex disease that requires a multifaceted approach to diagnosis and treatment. Through increased awareness, understanding the risk factors, recognising symptoms, and staying informed about available treatment options, we can make great strides in the battle against this formidable adversary.

(The writer is senior director, medical oncology & hemato-oncology, Fortis Hospital, Richmond Road)

MISS-FIT
Wanitha Ashok

Wanitha Ashok is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

1 Is spot reduction a thing? I need to tone my body, and my problem areas are my hips and thighs, and was wondering if I can achieve that with minimal workout?
Spot reduction is not a thing. However, you can address the problem areas. You can tone that area by doing some isolated toning exercises which are also beneficial in boosting metabolism. The accumulated fat can be reduced through a sustained cardio workout. Aim for a 40-60 minutes of a mid-intensity cardio session. To speed up the weight-loss process, it's very important to cut down your calories by just 250 calories a day from a 1,800-calorie diet.

2 How versatile is yoga as a workout? Is it good for people who are lifting weights?
Yoga is a great form of exercise for flexibility and body weight exercises. Power, strength, agility, speed, and skills are important to improve the quality of our lives. Yoga develops strength in both muscle and bones, and it is what we refer to as a bodyweight exercise. It does have some weight-bearing exercises, but it takes months to master them and execute them well. And also it has to be done under guidance. I suggest you stick to yoga for flexibility, including strength training, and get great cardio with any active sport which you enjoy.

3 I have an extremely busy social life and have to eat out often. How do I still maintain a healthy diet?
It's possible to make healthy choices while eating out, but for the most part, try to eat home-cooked food as you are in control of what goes into your dish. Opt for grilled or roasted dishes over deep-fried foods; opt for salads or vegetable sides when you are dining outside. If you are not high on sweet tooth, skip desserts or go for a smaller portion if you are counting calories or if you want to lose weight.

A double challenge for newborns

DR ASWATHY SHAILAJA

THE arrival of a newborn brings joy and anticipation to families, but it also introduces a period of vulnerability to various health challenges. Among these challenges, neonatal brain injury and bacterial sepsis stand out as serious concerns, especially when they occur together.

Neonatal brain injury

Neonatal brain injury encompasses a spectrum of conditions that lead to damage in a baby's developing brain. These injuries can result from various factors, including oxygen deprivation during birth, infections, birth trauma, or congenital abnormalities. The consequences of neonatal brain injury can be profound and long-lasting, affecting a child's cognitive, motor, and sensory development.

Bacterial sepsis

Bacterial sepsis is a life-threatening infection that can affect newborns, infants, and adults alike. In neonates, the immune system is still developing, making them particularly susceptible to infections. Sepsis occurs when harmful bacteria enter the bloodstream and trigger a systemic inflammatory response. Without prompt treatment, it can lead to multiple organ failure and death.

Worrisome interplay

Neonates facing both brain injury and bacterial sepsis often experience a complex interplay of factors that can exacerbate the challenges they face. Here are some key reasons why this combination is particularly concerning:

Vulnerability of the developing brain: The neonatal brain is exceptionally vulnerable to injuries and infections. Any disruption in blood flow, oxygen delivery, or the presence of harmful substances like bacteria can have devastating effects.

Impact on the immune system: Brain injury can weaken a neonate's immune system, making them less capable of fighting off infections like bacterial sepsis. Conversely, the systemic inflammation caused by sepsis can affect the brain and exacerbate existing brain injury.

Treatment challenges: Managing both conditions simultaneously can be challenging. Antibiotics and other treatments necessary to combat sepsis can interact with medications and interventions needed for brain injury, requiring careful coordination between healthcare providers.

Consequences

When neonatal brain injury and sepsis co-occur, the consequences can be severe and wide-ranging:

Neurological impairments: Brain injury can lead to cognitive and motor deficits, while sepsis can further compromise brain function. The combined effect can result in more profound and lasting neurological impairments.

Increased mortality risk: The presence of sepsis alongside brain injury significantly increases the risk of mortality in neonates. Prompt diagnosis and treatment are crucial to improving survival rates.

Long-term developmental challenges: Children who survive neonatal brain injury and sepsis may face ongoing developmental challenges, including learning disabilities, behavioural issues, and emotional regulation difficulties.

Prevention and management

Preventing and managing the dual challenge of neonatal sepsis and associated brain injury necessitates a multidisciplinary approach involving neonatologists, paediatricians, infectious disease specialists, and other healthcare professionals.

Key aspects of prevention include ensuring proper prenatal care to detect and treat infections transmissible to newborns, strict hospital infection control practices, potential antibiotic use for at-risk mothers during labour, and ensuring maternal vaccination.

Early detection through the recognition of signs like fever and rapid breathing, followed by confirmation through blood tests, is vital. Prompt administration of appropriate intravenous antibiotics and supportive care with IV fluids and respiratory support are crucial.

When dealing with associated brain injury, continuous neuro monitoring for assessing consciousness and reflexes is essential, alongside neuroimaging via ultrasound, CT, or MRI. Treatment may involve neuroprotective measures like cooling therapy or anti-inflammatory drugs, depending on the severity, as well as long-term rehabilitation to address developmental delays.

Additionally, providing emotional and educational support to families and ensuring proper nutritional support tailored to the specific needs of neonates facing both challenges are important.

Hope and progress

Neonatal brain injury and bacterial sepsis, both formidable adversaries, have seen progress in neonatal medicine. Advances in diagnostic techniques, treatments, and supportive care have improved the outlook for affected newborns. When these conditions co-occur, they pose an even greater threat, demanding a holistic approach.

As we continue to advance our understanding, we can provide better care for newborns facing these dual challenges.

Through research, education, and improved clinical practices, we can strive to give every newborn the best possible chance for a healthy and fulfilling life. The resilience and strength of these tiny fighters remind us of the importance of ongoing efforts to protect and nurture the most vulnerable among us.

(The writer is postdoctoral associate in department of paediatrics at Duke University School of Medicine, USA)

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I, CHITTROOPA (DOB: 18-10-1994) W/o Mr. DEEPANKAR DEV UPENDRA Resident of: No. 118/119, Krishna Kuteer. SLN Layout, Phase-2, Near RTO, Madappanahalli Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064 have changed my name from CHITTROOPA to CHITTROOPA SINGH vide Affidavit dated 31-10-2023 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA

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I, HINA KOUSER B, also Known as HINA KOUSER BABU resident of # 445, Masjid Street, Rama Tent Road, Venkateshpuram, Bengaluru-560045, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from HINA KAUSER to HINA KOUSER B, also Known as HINA KOUSER BABU, vide affidavit dated 30.10.2023, sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

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I, MURALI.J, residing at No. 123, 3rd Cross, Opp. Brindavan Hotel, Ramanjaneya Layout, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru -560061, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from (OLD NAME) REHA.Y.M to (NEW NAME) THANUSHREE.M vide affidavit Dated 30/10/2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NEERAJ KUMAR, S/o. Ish Kumar, No. 50, Prestige Ozone Whitefield, Behind Forum Value Mall, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066 have changed my name to NEERAJ KUMAR KAKKAR Vide Affidavit dated 30.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Umamaheswary .M.N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, N KARTHIKEYAN, also Known as KARTHIKEYAN NARAYAN resident of # 437, Karthik Nivas, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, 2nd Main, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KARTHIKEYAN NARAYANAN to N KARTHIKEYAN, also Known as KARTHIKEYAN NARAYAN, vide affidavit dated 30.10.2023, sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEEPAK.S, resident of #146, 1st Floor, Deepa Nilaya, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, 1st Block, Geology Layout, Nagarabhavi II Stage, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from (OLD NAME) DUHITHA to (NEW NAME) DUHITA vide affidavit Dated 30/10/2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, BHUVI SANGRAM BANDSODE, residing at: No. 895, 2nd Floor, 5th A Cross, 17th E' Main, Koramangala 6th Block, Nearby Koramangala Club, Bangalore-560095, Karnataka, have changed my name to BHUVEE SANGRAM BANDSODE Vide Affidavit dated 31.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary H. G. Venkataramu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) L. ANIL KUMAR NICHANI alias ANIL NICHANI, residing at Flat No. B1-304, Vaishnavi North 24, #6, Ranna Road, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) L. ANIL KUMAR NICHANI alias ANIL NICHANI to (NEW NAME) ANNEEL NICHAANI vide affidavit Dated 25/10/2023 sworn before Notary L.B.Anasuyamma, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JEYA PALANIAPPAN, Resident of No.308, B Block, 3rd Floor, Innovative Flora Apartment, Mouna Guru Mutt Road, Thimmaiah Garden, Behind St.Aloysius Degree College, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005. I State that I have changed my name from JEYA PALANIAPPAN to JEYA SARASWATHY PALANIAPPAN vide Affidavit Dated, 30/10/2023, Sworn before C.Santhosh, Notary Public, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P K Praveena, Spouse of No 8026442N Ex Hav Remesan Chakkullathil resident of House No 31/1, 27th Main Road, PO Vivek Nagar, Bangalore 560047 have changed my Name from P K PRAVEENA to PRAVEENA PK vide Affidavit dated 12 Oct 2023 before NOTARY N. Narayana Swamy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAYANTHI.S, aged about 51 years, W/o Shivakumar.S., D/o Late R.Vaseeswaran and Late V.Sanjeevi, presently residing at: No.2, 3rd Cross, Omshakthi Layout, Ayyappa Nagar, Bengaluru-560036. Declare that I have changed my name from DAMAYANTI (OLD NAME) to JAYANTHI.S (NEW NAME), Both are one and the same. Vide affidavit dated 31.10.2023, sworn before advocate and notary Y.V.Shankar, B.A., LL.B, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore-560032.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. SRI.VISHWARAJA @ VISHWARADHYA S. BAGALI Aged about 43 years, S/o.Late.Satalingappa Bagali, residing at EW.S No.49, 1st Floor, 8th 'A' Cross, 1st D Main Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru-560060, I declare that below mentioned both names VISHWARAJA @ VISHWARADHYA S. BAGALI, belongs to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 31/10/2023 sworn to before K.V.Bachi Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHWATHI, resident of 331, First Floor, 6th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector-6, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka, have changed my name to ASHWATHI SURESH Vide Affidavit dated 01.11.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SUSILA spouse of NO. 15324729A HAV JOTHI A, Residing at House NO. 5/121, Ponniyamman Nagar, Kollachery (Vill), Kundrathur (Post), Pallavaram (Taluk), Kanchipuram (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 600069, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) J SUSILA, Vide Affidavit Dated 30.10.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA, BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K.V. LAKSHMIKANTHA, resident of No. 88, Aramba, 3rd Cross, 9th Block, Krishna Temple Road, Doddabommasandra, Bangalore 560097, have changed my name to K.V. LAKSHMIKANTH Vide Affidavit dated 31.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary L.B. Anasuyamma, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, ROHITH B J, S/o. B V Javaregowda, Aged 40 years, Resident of No. 925, Municipal Quarters Road, Near Bus Stand, Periyapatna Town, Periyapatna Taluk, Mysore District, Karnataka State, now at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is AARNA ROHITH. But, in the BIRTH CERTIFICATE my daughter's name is wrongly entered as AARNA R GOWDA instead of AARNA ROHITH vide affidavit dated 31.10.2023 sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah .S, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

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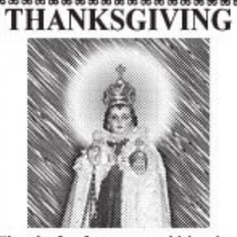
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Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us the favours we seek.
SRINIVAS AND FAMILY

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER
Dear Heart of Jesus. in the past. I have asked for many favors. This time. I ask you this very special favor (mention favor). Take it dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor. not mine.
Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted. no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.
Thank you for the favors, graces and blessings received, seeking continous blessings on my family always
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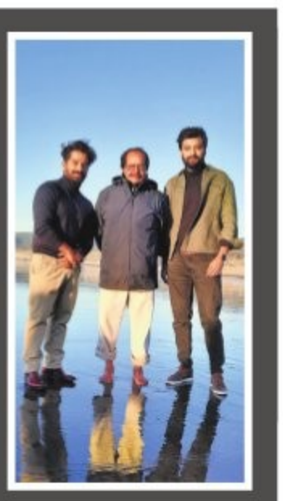
Nagathihalli and team brave challenges to shoot in America

CE FEATURES

NAGATHIHALLI Chandrashekar, the director of the classic film *America America*, has temporarily set up camp in the USA for his next project, tentatively titled *Amara Madhura Prema*. The film features Shanvi Srivastav, Pruthvi Ambaar, and Nirup Bhandari in the lead roles. Nagathihalli, who is almost done with the main shooting schedule in the heartland of America, shared some pictures from the location with us.

Speaking to *CE* from Seattle, the director mentioned that the shooting process has been adventurous and challenging due to the cold weather and rain. However, he's thrilled with the support they received from the Kannadigas during the shoot.

Manu Garur and Nagendra, who are part of the Sayadhri Kannada Sangha, and their friends, are making sure that we are taken care of, and the shooting went on smoothly, all because of their support. They made sure to take care of our transportation and food. I'm grateful for their hospitality, he says.



The film, tentatively titled Amara Madhura Prema, stars Shanvi Srivastav, Pruthvi Ambaar, and Nirup Bhandari

The director also praised cinematographer SK Rao for capturing the best visuals and acknowledged the contributions of the Tent Cinema team, including art director Shivu, associate director Sameer, and his wife Pushpa.

With this extensive schedule, Nagathihalli mentioned that they have completed eighty per cent of the shooting, with some patchwork remaining to be done in India to wrap up the film.

Regarding the film's title, Amara Madhura Prema, Nagathihalli clarified that it is a working title and is yet to be finalized. "I am still contemplating whether to title the film as *America America 2*, a decision to be made at a later stage." The film will have director Nagathihalli collaborating with his *America America* composer Mano Murthy, who is also said to have visited the sets.

Nagathihalli Chandrashekar along with Shanvi Srivastav, Pruthvi Ambaar and Nirup Bhandari on the sets of *Amara Madhura Prema*

The actor and politician, who has balanced, two distinct career paths talks about acting in Yogaraj Bhat's *Garadi* and his plans to expand, the production house

A SHARADHAA

BC Patil, a police officer by profession, is a recognized political figure but is popularly known as an actor, celebrated for his iconic role in *Kourava*. He adeptly balanced both his profession and acting. Patil firmly believed that 'where there is a will, there is a way' and openly admits to having skillfully managed both aspects of his life. He is a strong advocate of the idea that behind every success, there lies a sacrifice. Patil initially aspired to be an actor and his deep passion for the craft made him pursue it despite initial family hesitations. He now looks back on his journey and says, "After trying stage plays post-graduation and receiving appreciation for my roles, I chose to pursue acting as I realized that it would enable me to achieve my goal of fame."

BC Patil is currently thrilled to be back doing what he loves most, playing a prominent role in Yogaraj Bhat's *Garadi*, alongside Surya and Sonal Monteiro, with Challenging Star Darshan making a special appearance. Before the film's release, the politician and actor reminisce about his earlier days.

"I never imagined reaching this level as an actor, and I never thought I'd become a producer. Films came my way almost by accident. I started with a small role in *Sangarsha*, which unfortunately ended in failure," he says adding, "In the world of cinema, I learned that success brings supporters, while failure can leave you alone. When a film succeeds, everyone claims credit, but producers often go unnoticed. Conversely, when a film fails, all eyes turn to the person who invested in the project."

His first production, *Nishkarsha*, faced challenges, but he insisted on playing a villain alongside Vishnuvardhan. He explains, "Nobody would accept me as a hero. Inspired by Sunil Kumar Desai's *Tarka* and *Utkarsha*, I had one condition: if I produced a film starring Vishnuvardhan, I should play a negative role. This earned me a name as a white-collar villain. However, as they say, 'Operation Success, but Patient Died'. *Nishkarsha* ran for 100 days but fell short of expected revenue due to financial misconduct by the mediators I trusted. I did a few more films, incurring losses, and even had to sell a house in Davangere. Then, director S Mahendar entered the picture, and *Kourava* happened. He insisted that I become a hero. Instead of losing money on others, I chose to invest in myself, and it paid off. Then, a new law emerged, stating that government officials should not act while in service. I took voluntary retirement and entered politics. My political career had its ups and downs, but now I'm thrilled to make a comeback with Garadi."

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BC PATIL

A still from the film

Patil got involved in Yogaraj Bhat's directorial, *Garadi*, right from the scripting stage. He says, "Initially, I didn't consider acting in *Garadi* and was planning to cast a well-known artist. However, the director suggested that I take up the role. I was told that I would have a few days of shooting, but he kept me throughout the film. I am the master of the whole *Garadi*, and playing this role has brought me immense happiness."

Speaking of the film's uniqueness, he mentions, "The traditional exercise that was practiced in *Garadi* has transformed into a gym today. Back then, the *Garadi* participants were considered to be protectors of their place. I play a master, Korapet Rangappa, who is an expert in wrestling. Initially, the audience may have a different perspective on the character, but it gets justified later," says Patil in brief about his role.

The actor also mentions the rest of the cast, highlighting Darshan, who has a grand entry in the film and appears in a special role at various intervals. "Darshan has been very supportive when it comes to encouraging youngsters, and he recommended Surya, who has done a commendable job. Darshan, in a way, gave Surya's career a push, and his presence has uplifted the film as well," he says.

Looking ahead, BC Patil states that, like *Nishkarsha* and *Kourava, Garadi* will also be a unique film made under their banner Kourava Production House, and Vanaja Patil's Soumya Films. He emphasises, "With Yogaraj Bhat's direction and Harikrishna's music, the film promises to be an engaging entertainment. My primary goal is to maintain high production values as the brand becomes increasingly important. Our previous film, *Kausalya Supraja Rama*, was a decent success. We are all set to expand our production house in a big way and are gearing up to enter Malayalam cinema with a film titled *Kaadu*, starring Fahadh Fasil." he signs off.

Chikkanna's *Upadhyaksha* aims for December release

CE FEATURES

CHIKKANNA, the comedian-turned-hero, is all set for the release of his upcoming film *Upadhyaksha*. Directed by Anil Kumar and produced by Umapathy Films and DN Films, the film's teaser and a couple of songs were revealed recently. Notably, the film makrs Chikkanna's first romantic project. Starring Malaika Vasupal as the female lead, the film has lyrics penned by the *Martin* director, AP Arjun. This song has garnered significant attention since its release.

The title *Upadhyaksha* is derived from the character Chikkanna portrayed in Sharan's *Adhakshya*. Chikkanna, known for his comedic roles in over 200 films, recently ventured into playing the lead in comedy entertainers.

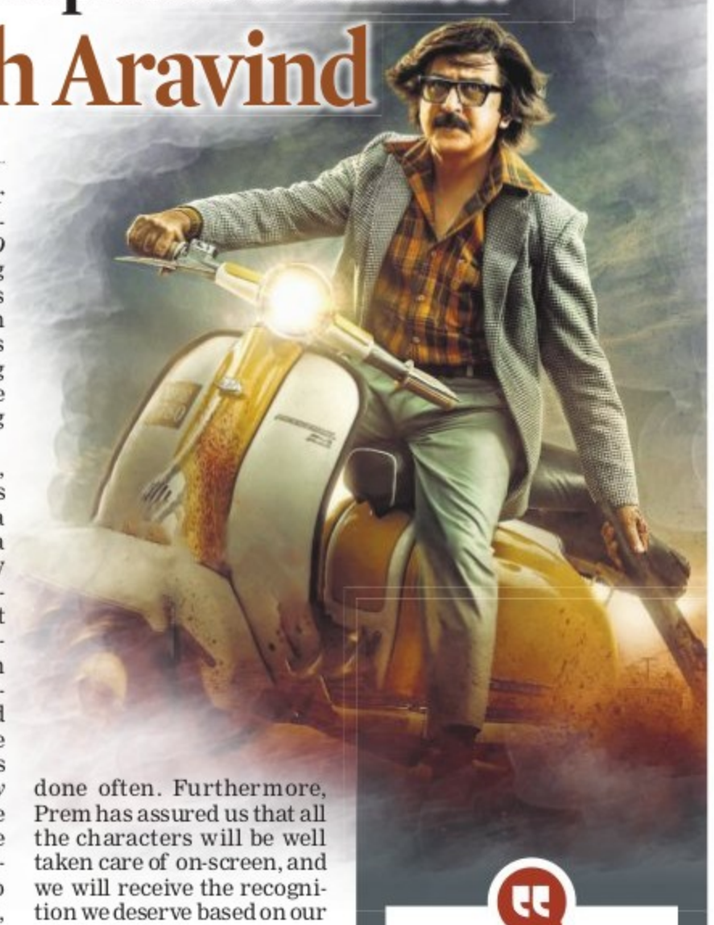
Upadhyaksha is likely to hit the screens in December, with the team currently immersed in post-production work.

Multi-starrers are tricky but it is always exciting to work with accomplished names: Ramesh Aravind

CE FEATURES

REPORTS of actor Ramesh Aravind joining director Prem's *KD* has been circulating for a while now. This was officially confirmed on Wednesday along with his character poster. Starring Dhruva Sarja in the lead the film has Ramesh playing Dharma.

For Ramesh Aravind, working in a diverse cast is not new, but it has been a while since he was part of a multi-staar. "It's a bit tricky to accept roles in a multi-starrer, but the exciting part is collaborating with accomplished actors." Prem's film *KD*, features actors like Ravichandran, Sanjay Dutt, and Shilpa Shetty. "There were times when we saw movies like *Amar Akbhar Antony* with a fascinating ensemble cast. There were actors like Shankar Nag, Kamal Haasan, and Rajinikanth who worked in multi-starrers, and it was enjoyable to see them on the big screen. I've also been a part of many multi-starrers myself. However, I haven't taken up a film with multiple actors in over ten years," says Ramesh, adding, "When Prem narrated this pivotal role to me, I found it intriguing. I've just completed a few days of shooting, and he is a passionate director. Moreover, the production values (KVN Productions) are very high, and being part of a big-budget project like this is something that needs to be done often. Furthermore, Prem has assured us that all the characters will be well taken care of on-screen, and we will receive the recognition we deserve based on our fan following."



Regarding his retro look as Dharma, Ramesh reminisced, "The film is set in the 1970s, and that why the look, especially my hairstyle. I had a similar one during my college days. Those were the days of Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan, with flat and flowing hair and bell-bottom pants. It's nice to revisit that era," he says.

Ramesh is also eagerly awaiting Akash Srivatsa's *Daiji*, which is currently in the pre-production stage.

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> Ramesh Aravind, actor